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ELECTION 2022 CONNECTICUT PRIMARY

Ballot count shows hot races

Cost of living, climate change on minds

By Ed Stannard
Hartford Courant

Voting was light but filled with patriotic sentiment Tuesday as Connecticut cast ballots in the Republican primary for U.S. senator, both parties' races for secretary of the state and the Democratic nomination for state treasurer, as well as local races scattered across the state.

After casting his vote at Ellington High School, Gary Frye, a Republican, said the most important issue to him is the economy and cost of living.

"I would like Connecticut to be more affordable," he said.

In November, he plans to vote for Bob Stefanowski for governor, and said former President Donald Trump's endorsement of Greenwich Republican Leora Levy for U.S. Senate did not affect his voting. Frye voted for former House Minority Leader Themis Klarides to challenge incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

Two other Ellington voters, who identified themselves as just Dennis and Amy, are Democrats. The most important issue for them, they said, was the still-unfolding Jan. 6 investigation.

"The important thing is preserving democracy, protecting how the voting process is conducted," Dennis said.

Trump hailed Levy on Monday night in a tele-rally. Last week, he endorsed Levy in the race against Blumenthal, who is seeking his third six-year term.

Levy, a Greenwich fundraiser, faced Klarides of Madison, the endorsed candidate, and Peter Lumaj, an immigration attorney from Fairfield.

Carolyn Palmquist, poll moderator at Bristol's Greene-Hills School voting center, said



Themis Klarides, the GOP-endorsed candidate for the U.S. Senate race, arrives Tuesday at her headquarters in Middletown while the votes are being counted. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

numbers were up there.

"We're definitely seeing more voters trickling in than usual for a primary," she said. "It's been steady most of the morning here. It's died down a bit this afternoon so far, but we expect to see that pick up this evening when people leave work."

Plainville resident George Fensick III, a Republican voting for Stefanowski in November, said Trump's endorsement of Levy had no impact on his decision because it came too late.

"I had made my mind up a few weeks ago, so it was surprising to see Trump back Levy only a couple of days ago," he said. "By the time he backed Levy, I already made up my mind. I think he should have done it a bit sooner."

Fensick said the economy was his major issue. "Taxes and high cost of living are making things unaffordable. The spending is out of control," he said.

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Gov. Ned Lamont and state Rep. Tammy Exum greet voters outside Sedgwick Middle School in West Hartford.

Levy faring well for US Senate against Klarides

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Conservative Greenwich fundraiser Leora Levy was faring surprisingly well Tuesday night against moderate Themis Klarides in a closer-than-expected race as votes were still being counted in the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate.

After Klarides won the party's convention endorsement with nearly 60% of the vote, many Republicans believed that she would handily win the primary as Levy and immigration attorney Peter Lumaj of Fairfield would split the conservative vote.

But Levy ran a highly spirited campaign, raising more money than her rivals and constantly blasting Klarides in negative television commercials that were shown repeatedly on multiple channels.

In the early results, Levy defeated Klarides in numerous small towns. The unofficial results showed Levy winning in Andover, Ashford, Burlington, Canton, Cromwell, Chester, Clinton, Colebrook, and Columbia.

"I feel like Dorothy right now," Levy said on live television as the music got louder at an Old Greenwich hotel.

Klarides won in Beacon Falls, Bridgewater, Cornwall, and Deep River, according to the unofficial results. Despite moving recently to Madison, Klarides needed a huge victory in her former hometown of Derby. She won by 56% to 36% with Lumaj carrying 7%.

The game-changer in the primary came when Levy won the endorsement Thursday of former President Donald J. Trump, who retains major support among Republicans, particularly hard-core primary voters.

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No quick answers after FBI search

Speculation abounds over investigation of former president

By Zeke Miller,
Eric Tucker
and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI's unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Florida residence ricocheted around government, politics and a polarized country Tuesday along with questions as to why the Justice Department, notably cautious under Attorney General Merrick Garland, decided to take such a drastic step.

Answers weren't quickly forthcoming.

Agents on Monday searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, which is also a private club, as part of a federal investigation into whether the former president took classified records from the White House to his residence in Palm Beach, Florida, people familiar with the



Supporters of former President Donald Trump protest Tuesday in Palm Beach, Florida. **JOE CAVARETTA/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL**

matter said.

It marked a dramatic escalation of law enforcement scrutiny of Trump, who faces an array of inquiries tied to his conduct in the waning days of his administration.

The Justice Department has been investigating the potential mishandling of classified information since the National Archives and Records Administration said it had received from Mar-a-Lago 15 boxes of White House records, including documents containing classified information, earlier this year.

The National Archives said Trump should have turned over that material upon leaving office, and it asked the Justice Department to investigate.

There are multiple federal laws governing the handling of classified records and sensitive government documents, including statutes that make it a crime to remove such material and retain it at an unauthorized location. Though a search warrant does not necessarily mean criminal charges are near or even expected, federal officials looking to obtain one must first demonstrate to a judge that they have probable cause that a crime occurred.

Two people familiar with the matter, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation, said FBI agents were also looking to see if Trump

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Council wants update on police union contract

Subcommittee seeks collective bargaining agreement information

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With the city of Hartford and the Hartford Police Union continuing negotiations concerning a successor collective bargaining agreement to the one that expired June 30, the Hartford City Council on Monday referred a resolution seeking an update on negotiations to a council subcommittee.

The resolution, introduced by councilors Tiana Hercules and Joshua Michtom of the Working Families Party, seeks to have Corporation Counsel Howard Rifkin make a presentation to the council at a public meeting and answer questions from the council concerning the negotiation process.

"[T]he contract affects required staffing levels, compensation levels, pensions, benefits, and other expenses that contribute to the Hartford Police Department's being the second-largest single item in the city's budget,

which has a direct impact on the city's ability to provide needed services to residents," the resolution says. "[I]t is in the interest of Hartford's residents that the city's negotiating strategies and priorities concerning a contract with the police union reflect the needs and priorities of the residents."

The police union, which currently has 473 sworn budgeted positions — about 100 of which are vacant — rejected a four-year successor agreement in May that included:

■ No wage increases in the first year, with 2% salary increases in each of the next three years. The overall cost per year of the wage increases, assuming all positions were filled would be \$365,053 in 2022-23; \$1.12 million in 2023-24; \$1.9 million in 2024-25 and \$2.7 million in 2025-26.

■ The elimination of the step system for the ranks of police officer, sergeant, lieutenant and captain in favor of an annual uniform wage structure of \$84,458 for police officers, \$91,510 for sergeants, \$103,983.29 for lieutenants and \$116,457.45 for captains. The net effect of the

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Apartment project brings opposition to affordable housing law

Some critics of a state initiative to increase affordable housing say the recent approval of a five-story apartment building in Glastonbury illustrates the problem. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Search

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had additional presidential records or any classified documents at the estate.

From echoes of Water-gate to the more im-me-diate House probe of the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection, Washington, a city used to sleepy Augusts, reeled from one speculative or accusa-tory headline to the next. Was the Justice Depart-ment politicized? What prompted it to seek author-ization to search the estate for classified documents now, months after it was revealed that Trump had taken boxes of materials with him when he left the White House after losing the 2020 election?

Garland has not tipped his hand despite an outcry from some Democrats impatient over whether the depart-ment was even pursuing evidence that has surfaced in the Jan. 6 probe and other investigations and from Republicans who were swift to echo Trump’s claims that he was the victim of political prosecution.

All Garland has said publicly is that “no one is above the law.”

A federal judge had to sign off on the warrant after establishing that FBI agents had shown probable cause before they could descend on Trump’s shuttered-for-the-season home he was in New York, a thousand or so miles away, at the time of the search.



Supporters of former President Trump are pictured outside the entrance of Trump Tower in Manhattan on Tuesday. LUIZ C. RIBEIRO/FOR NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Monday’s search intensi-fied the monthslong probe into how classified docu-ments ended up in boxes of White House records located at Mar-a-Lago earlier this year. A separate grand jury is investigat-ing efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presi-dential election, and it all adds to potential legal peril for Trump as he lays the groundwork for a potential repeat run for the White

House.

Trump and his allies quickly sought to cast the search as a weaponiza-tion of the criminal justice system and a Democrat-ic-driven effort to keep him from winning another term in 2024 though the Biden White House said it had no prior knowledge and current FBI Director Chris-topher Wray was appointed by Trump five years ago.

Trump, disclosing the

search in a lengthy state-ment late Monday, asserted that agents had opened a safe at his home, and he described their work as an “unannounced raid” that he likened to “prosecutorial misconduct.”

He followed up with a fundraising appeal, making it personal by declaring “it’s important that you know that it wasn’t just my home that was violated it was the home of every patriotic

American who I have been fighting for.”

Justice Department spokesperson Dena Iverson declined to comment on the search, including whether Garland had personally authorized it. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the West Wing first learned of the search from public media reports and the White House had not been briefed in the run-up or aftermath.

About two dozen Trump supporters stood in protest at midmorning Tuesday in the Florida summer heat and sporadic light rain on a bridge near the former president’s residence. One held a sign reading “Demo-crats are Fascists” while others carried flags saying “2020 Was Rigged,” “Trump 2024” and Biden’s name with an obscenity. Some cars honked in support as they passed.

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new salary structure in Year 1 of the agreement would see the following increases: 4.07% for police officer on special assignment; 6% for sergeants; 4.63% for lieuten-ants; and 1.5% for captains.

■ A decrease in the retire-ment age from 55 to 50 for union members hired on or before June 30, 2027, provided they have worked 25 years.

■ Changes in how over-time is offered to have a larger pool of members to volunteer for shifts to avoid order-ins.

The full union just before

the summer voted down the tentative agreement, and the two parties are at an impasse, Rifkin said. The matter will proceed soon to binding arbitration before the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration, according to Rifkin.

The two parties can still reach an agreement before an arbitration decision is handed down. The union is currently working under the terms of the agreement that expired on June 30.

Officer Anthony Rinaldi, president of the Hartford Police Union, said in an email that negotiations were ongoing.

In a text message to The Courant, Rifkin said Mich-



The Hartford Police Union and the city are negotiating a new contract. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

tom knew negotiations were at an impasse and were headed to arbitration,

and that Michtom had been asked to withdraw the reso-lution. Michtom didn’t with-

draw the resolution and the council referred it to the council’s Labor, Education, Workforce & Youth Devel-opment Committee.

But Michtom, who a year ago also put forth a resolu-tion saying the city should set forth priorities it has in negotiations, said the issue isn’t about what he knows but instead is about trans-parency in the negotiation process.

“When I first put this resolution forward, one of my colleagues said to me, ‘Why don’t you just call Howard and he will give you an update?’” Michtom said. “And I said the point is I want a public update with public questioning about

why we are where we are, what do we know about why the rank-and-file voted down the first version.”

Michtom said he was told, and he understands, that negotiations cannot be talked about publicly. However, he wants to know what priorities the city has in negotiations and why both parties are where they stand right now.

“We don’t get any insight as to what our represen-tatives in negotiations are doing to advance the city’s interests,” he said. “That’s what I want. I want to be able to ask questions about those things. ... There is a lack of interest in transpar-ency here.”

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PLAY3 NIGHT 2 7 2 WB: 8
PLAY4 NIGHT 5 1 5 WB: 6

CASH 5

3 4 9 19 21

LUCKY FOR LIFE

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Primary

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Trump held a tele-rally for Levy on Monday night, and the Levy campaign said that 32,679 people listened to the call — a huge number at a time when 450,000 Republicans were eligible to vote Tuesday. Trump arranged the rally and promoted the call to his supporters through social media, and the Levy campaign said that 98% of the callers had been from Connecticut.

Both Klarides and Lumaj downplayed the endorsement from Trump, who is still seen as the most popular candidate in the Republican Party nationally even while no longer holding office.

Despite a call for unity by state party chairman Ben Proto, the candidates hammered each other relentlessly and did not focus their political fire on U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a powerhouse Democrat who has more than \$8 million in campaign cash set aside for the November election.

“I’m the only candidate who has a chance to beat Dick Blumenthal,” Klarides told The Courant in a recent interview. “We are never all going to agree on everything — ever. But we’re going to agree on way more things than what we disagree on. ... I would hope on August 10 that everybody is together.”

On primary day, Republicans heard Trump’s voice in their homes on a robocall that was delivered after the voting had already begun. Trump’s call came in the afternoon as voters were urged to head to the polls.

“Leora will fight to stop inflation and the Biden administration’s war on American energy like nobody’s ever seen,” Trump said on the call. “That may be the dumbest war of all. She’ll vote to secure our border and stop illegal immigration. She’ll defend free speech, our great Constitution and the Second Amendment. She will work to crack down on violent crime, support our police officers, and restore public safety. I hope you can all get out and vote for Leora Levy.”

A narrator after Trump’s statement said the message, which lasted about one minute, was paid by the Connecticut Patriots PAC, an independent Super PAC that is supporting Levy. The committee’s executive director raised millions to elect Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, who is now chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, a key group fighting to help Republicans win the majority in the U.S. Senate.

Depending on the outcome Tuesday, Klarides had been planning to attend a national fundraiser Wednesday on Nantucket island, at a top price of \$50,000 per seat for dinner, with Scott and top Republicans seeking U.S. Senate seats, including former football star Herschel Walker of Georgia and Dr. Mehmet Oz of Pennsylvania.

Gary Rose, a longtime political science professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, questioned that more than 32,000 were on Trump’s tele-rally call, saying that it sounded “really, really exaggerated.”

Rose noted that Lumaj had largely disappeared in the final days of the primary, predicting that Trump’s endorsement of Levy would pull votes away from Lumaj among conservatives.

“Peter Lumaj has no media presence at all,” Rose said in an interview. “I’m not even sure what has happened to his campaign. It’s almost like he’s becoming irrelevant since that Trump endorsement. I’m not sure many people are taking him very seriously any more. I think it’s over for him, and he knows it.”

While the number of yard signs



Voters trickle into Henry James Memorial School in Simsbury on Tuesday to vote in the primary. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

is not a scientific indication of the race, Levy had a far more obvious presence at intersections in recent days in places like Farmington, West Hartford, Bloomfield, and Simsbury. Levy’s distinct red-and-white signs were obvious to drivers passing by, while Klarides and Lumaj had few signs in those areas.

Bristol resident Rae Rudzinski, a Republican voting for Bob Stefanowski for governor in November, said Trump’s endorsement of Levy made her choose Levy over Klarides.

“When I learned Trump backed Levy, I knew I had to vote for her,” Rudzinski said. “I don’t know a lot about the candidates, but Trump’s endorsement was huge for me because it helps me know what she stands for. That was huge for me.”

She added, “The economy is the biggest issue. I like to bake, and going to the grocery everything is more expensive. Just eggs and milk have gone up. It’s getting too expensive.”

Levy is also supported by Simsbury landscaper Robert Hyde, a major Trump supporter who attended the state party convention but did not qualify for the primary this year after receiving less than 1% of the delegates in the final tally. Instead, he says he is running in 2024 against U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy of Hartford.

“This is the year for conservatives to run,” Hyde said in a message. “The national political environment has not been this favorable since 1994.”

Three Democrats for state treasurer

In a rare open seat as incumbent treasurer Shawn Wooden did not seek reelection, three Democrats battled for the position that is often seen as the second most powerful in the state after the governor.

Greenwich hedge fund manager Dita Bhargava ran a spirited campaign with two eye-catching commercials and a late endorsement from Chelsea Clinton, the daughter of Bill and Hillary Clinton, who remain highly popular among Democratic primary voters.

As a former vice chairwoman of the state Democratic Party, Bhargava ran against another former party vice chairman, attorney Erick A. Russell of New Haven, and Karen Dubois-Walton, a Yale graduate who serves as New Haven’s public housing authority leader and chairwoman of the state board

of education.

Russell was leading in the early, unofficial results.

Secretary of the State for Democrats

With the retirement of Secretary of the State Denise Merrill after 12 years, more than 10 candidates stepped forward to fill the open seat as the state’s top elections official.

State Rep. Stephanie Thomas of Norwalk defeated New Haven health director Maritza Bond in a race that became increasingly bitter as Bond started running negative television commercials on a steady basis.

Thomas won the party’s convention endorsement in a five-person race and rolled up more than 125 endorsements that included Merrill and more than 40 state legislators. Bond relied on the support of a wide array of unions for door-knocking and phone-banking, including the state AFL-CIO, the United Auto Workers Region 9 A, the Connecticut Employees Union Independent, and others that she said are the backbone of the Democratic Party.

Secretary of the State for Republicans

The convention-endorsed candidate, Dominic Rapini, defeated state Rep. Terrie E. Wood of Darien, a legislator who has won seven elections and has the most experience at the state Capitol of any candidate running to be the top elections official.

A longtime sales executive for Apple and local football coach, Rapini notes that he has coached more than 1,000 young players in the Pop Warner program in New Haven County over the past three decades. He taped a video with former GOP party Chairwoman Sue Hatfield, a former athlete who was carrying a football in front of a scoreboard as she endorsed Rapini.

Wood was endorsed by House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford, Bolton First Selectman Pam Sawyer, and Pauline Kezer, the last Republican who held the secretary of the state’s office in the early 1990s before losing a primary for governor against John G. Rowland in 1994. Democrats have dominated the constitutional office for decades, but Kezer broke the

logjam as the only Republican winner over the past 60 years.

West Haven

Rep. Trenee McGee, an African American freshman legislator who has served less than one year in Hartford, defeated Joe Miller, a 24-year-old abortion rights advocate, in a contest that focused on abortion. Miller said he decided to challenge McGee after she made an impassioned speech on the floor of the state House of Representatives against an abortion bill that was later signed into law by Gov. Ned Lamont.

“I’m proud of it,” said McGee, noting she knocked on doors and talked to many West Haven residents. “I worked very hard. I’m a boots-on-the-ground person.”

McGee knocked on doors with fellow members of the legislature’s Black and Puerto Rican Caucus during the campaign.

The top issues she heard from people were taxes and the economy. “One of the things I heard about is how can we restore transparency and integrity. People are still reeling from the precious representative,” she said, referring to Michael DiMassa, who was indicted in the theft of federal COVID-relief funds.

Miller conceded before the town’s absentee ballots were counted.

“It’s an unfortunate result for the women of West Haven and the women of Connecticut,” he said. “I’m going to take this message from the Democrats home with me tonight.”

Asked if he might run as an independent, Miller said, “I haven’t ruled anything out. We built a movement and gave people hope.”

Abortion, McGee said, has been “destructive to my community” in urban neighborhoods, and she wanted to “speak the fearless truth” about too many abortions in minority communities.

The intra-party clash was the most interesting legislative contest of the primary season, said state Republican chairman Ben Proto.

Simsbury

In the Simsbury race to fill the seat of outgoing state Rep. John Hampton, petitioning candidate Melissa Osborne defeated party-endorsed Eric Wellman by 34 votes, securing the Democratic nomination for the 16th District General Assembly seat with 1,086 votes to Wellman’s 1,052.

Osborne, an attorney and alternate zoning commissioner who previously served on the town’s Charter Revision Commission, said that she is confident Simsbury Democrats will come together as she prepares to face off against Republican nominee Mike Paine this November.

“I know that the number one priority for Democrats has got to be making sure that we maintain a strong majority in the House to protect all of the rights and the core democratic values that we share,” Osborne said.

Wellman, Simsbury’s former first selectman and a current board of selectmen member, said that despite the loss, he is proud of what his campaign accomplished and wished Osborne the best.

“I told her that what she’s been given is a gift and a blessing. There’s really no higher honor than, you know, serving, being a public servant, and representing your hometown at the state legislature,” Wellman said.

An hour before the polls closed, Simsbury election officials reported a combined in-person and absentee voter turnout of about 31% for Democrats. About 19% of registered Republicans had also participated in the primary.

Democrats exiting the voting booths Tuesday said that preserving abortion access and maintaining a Democratic hold on the state government weighed heavy on their minds as they cast their ballot for either Wellman or Osborne.

Earlier today, Geoff Luxenberg, the majority caucus chair and deputy majority leader for the Connecticut House representing the 12th House District, campaigned for Osborne outside the polls.

“She is a brilliant attorney, a mom, a cancer survivor. She has been an outstanding Democrat, for Simsbury, and even beyond Simsbury, her entire adult life,” Luxenberg said. “She really impressed a lot of people. And I think that’s why you saw John Hampton, the person who’s vacating the seat, endorse her ... and I think that says a lot about what a good job she’ll do. She’s also the strongest Democrat to beat the Republicans this fall.”

See courant.com for full results.

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Voters

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By midmorning, voter turnout in Burlington was remarkably low, especially among Democrats.

“I think it’s going to be low today,” said longtime Republican state Rep. John Piscopo as he stopped by Town Hall about 9 a.m. to check how the polls were doing. Piscopo had just come from Harwinton, where the numbers also were low, he said.

As of 9:30 a.m., Burlington registrars reported that 19 of the town’s 1,782 Democrats had voted, barely more than 1%. Turnout was better among Republicans: 78 of 1,979 had voted, or just under 4%.

Piscopo talked for a while with Dave Rackliffe, a Bristol Republican who had stationed himself alongside a Themis Klarides-for-governor campaign sign on the Town Hall lawn and waved to voters as they drove into the parking lot.

The lawn typically is filled with campaign signs during elections, and frequently local candidates or their representatives stand outside all day to wave to voters. But Rackliffe and his Klarides sign

stood alone, and only a handful of voters stopped to chat with him.

“One guy told me he’s for Themis because she represents herself as more moderate — he’s tired of the extremes having control of both parties. I told him we need a lot more people like him to be vocal,” said Rackliffe, who ran for the 79th District House seat in Bristol two years ago.

Rackliffe works part-time in the General Assembly, and said he volunteered to help Klarides based on what he saw of her work as House minority leader.

“She is relentless and has very strong convictions,” he said.

“And it was fun watching her and [then-House Speaker] Joe Aresimowicz work together,” Rackliffe said. “They were political adversaries but they had respect for each other. It was fun to watch them — that’s how we got to the 2017 budget. We need more of that.”

Voters weren’t eager to talk with the press Tuesday morning: Four in a row left Town Hall declining to discuss the primary or even say which party they belonged to.

In Glastonbury, voter turnout at midmorning was less than half

of what it was for the last primary in 2018, according to Republican Registrar of Voters Lisabeth Becker.

As of 10 a.m., 526, or 3.7%, of registered Republicans and Democrats had cast ballots, compared with 1,014, or 7.8% in 2018. And the number of voters eligible to vote Tuesday numbered 14,212, a 9% increase from 13,024 in 2018. Becker said she expected a lower turnout.

“I dare say, from my perspective, there didn’t seem to be a lot of advertising about it,” Becker said. “Certainly if you are a registered Republican or Democrat, which I am, I got plenty of campaign literature from the races that were being run. But I also think because we don’t have a headliner, we don’t have the governor running, and I’m not sure how people tune in with this U.S. Senate race, which is our big race, you’d think people would be paying attention.”

Outside the Academy Building polling place on Main Street, Democrat Sharon Danio said she makes it a point to vote in all elections, but this time she felt even more urgency,

“Just, in general, the Republican

position, I needed to vote Democrat, across the board,” Danio said, pointing to such hot-button issues such as abortion and climate change.

At the District 1 polls in Wethersfield, Moderator Kelly said that voting has been slow, but a steady crowd has come in. “It’s a little slow but pretty steady. So easy election.”

At the Branford Fire Headquarters, Peter Stolzman voted in the Democratic primary.

“I hate missing an election. I think it’s at least my responsibility,” he said. “I always think that one candidate, whether I’m in love with that candidate or not, is better than the other. You can’t complain if you don’t participate. So now I can complain.”

There was just a trickle of voters at the firehouse at 9 a.m., and moderators said turnout was light so far. There were no supporters standing outside, just two signs for Republican General Assembly candidates.

“I think voting is always important,” said Rebecca Weiner at New Haven’s Edgewood School. “I think participation is the lifeblood of democracy and I don’t believe I’ve ever missed a chance to vote

since I was 18 and it’s a record I intend to keep.”

Alder Adam Marchand, D-25, who said the ward usually has the highest turnout in the city, said “turnout’s been modest.” While 140 had voted just before 10 a.m., he said that would usually be a far higher total.

In Rocky Hill, interest in the midterm primary election has been low, according to moderator Linda Peterson at the West Hill School poll.

Peterson said just 110 of the 160 absentee ballots given out had been returned as of midday Tuesday morning, down from more than 700 in the November 2021 election, according to election results. There were 148 ballots submitted in person at the polls as of 11:22 a.m. Tuesday, according to the ballot box counter.

Republicans Ralph and Patricia DiMartino came out to vote for Klarides. “She has the best shot to beat [Blumenthal],” Ralph DiMartino, 78, said.

Reporters Susan Dunne, Kenneth R. Gosselin, Stephen Singer, Deidre Montague, Don Stacom and Stephen Underwood contributed to this story.

Biden’s long path to win on climate

Learning from past setbacks, president made incentives key

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Over the last year, President Joe Biden watched pieces of his domestic agenda get thrown overboard in an effort to keep it afloat. Free community college, child care funding, expanded preschool — all left behind.

But there was at least one critical piece that emerged largely intact, albeit not unscathed. The legislation approved Sunday by the Senate includes nearly \$400 billion for clean energy initiatives, the country’s largest-ever investment in fighting global warming.

The measure, which includes other provisions on taxes and prescription drugs, is expected to be passed Friday by the House before going to Biden’s desk for his signature.

Biden said the legislation will help fulfill his campaign promise to “build a clean energy future and create jobs for American workers building that future.”

“Our children and grandchildren will remember this for many years to come: this bill changes their lives and secures their future more than almost anything Washington has done for decades,” he said.

On Tuesday during a Rose Garden ceremony at the White House, the president cemented another victory, signing a \$280 billion bipartisan bill to boost domestic high-tech manufacturing, part of his administration’s push to boost U.S. competitiveness over China.

Flanked by lawmakers, union officials, local politi-



President Joe Biden speaks Tuesday before signing a bill that boosts domestic chip manufacturing. **CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY**

cians and business leaders, Biden feted the legislation, a core part of his economic agenda that will incentivize investments in the American semiconductor industry in an effort to ease U.S. reliance on overseas supply chains for critical, cutting-edge goods.

“The future of the chip industry is going to be made in America,” Biden said, referring to the diminutive devices that power everything from smartphones to computers to automobiles. The legislation sets aside \$52 billion specifically to bolster the U.S. computer chip sector.

Biden has another signing event Wednesday for legislation aiding veterans who have suffered from toxic burn pits.

For the White House, the end result of the bill containing the clean energy initiatives is proof of an approach — more focused on incentives than regulations or penalties — that was born from the failure to advance climate policy more than a decade ago, when Biden served as vice president.

After President Barack Obama took office in 2009, Democrats began pushing legislation that would create a cap-and-trade program to

limit greenhouse gas emissions.

The proposal would have limited emissions and forced industries to buy permits to release emissions, creating a financial incentive to operate more cleanly.

But with the economy still struggling to recover from the recession and Republicans in opposition, the legislation stalled in 2010. Joe Manchin, the West Virginia Democrat who was running for Senate at the time, released a campaign advertisement in which he fired a rifle at a copy of the bill.

Christy Goldfuss, the senior vice president for

energy and environment policy at the Center for American Progress, was working on Capitol Hill at the time. She said the failure was “absolutely devastating to the climate community, and really led to deep reflection and introspection.”

Another setback came in 2018, when voters in Washington state rejected a carbon tax. If the idea couldn’t even get traction in such a liberal corner of the country, Goldfuss said, what chance did it have nationally?

Stef Feldman, a domestic policy adviser, said Biden’s experience as vice presi-

dent informed his thinking about climate policy when he started running for the White House in 2019.

“He had seen President Obama work very hard to get cap and trade over the finish line,” she said. “He knew that we had to try something different.”

Ali Zaidi, the deputy national climate adviser, said Biden was helped in that clean energy had become more affordable and recognizable in recent years.

“This is a set of technologies and a set of solutions for which time has come,” he said. “He was able to speak to an American people who knew tangibly what this meant, and the economics lined up to propel action.”

White House officials said they made a sustained effort to build — and hold together — a coalition involving unions, environmentalists and industry.

The final package of climate proposals has been trimmed from the original \$555 billion plan, but it’s still brimming with financial incentives for clean energy.

Manufacturing solar panels and wind turbines would earn companies tax credits. More money would help Americans buy electric vehicles or make their homes energy efficient.

“The bill gives people the tools to be part of the climate solution, and have that make sense for their pocketbook,” Feldman said.

There are still some sticks to go with the carrots. A crucial element of the bill would charge energy companies fees for excess methane emissions at drilling sites. Methane, the main component of natural gas, is a key contributor to global warming and packs a stronger short-term climate punch than carbon dioxide.

Secretary of state races in spotlight for 4 primaries

Eyes on Wisconsin, where the office has no elections role yet

By Christina A. Cassidy
Associated Press

Voters in four states Tuesday were determining their party’s nominees for the statewide office that typically oversees elections.

Much of the attention centered on Wisconsin, where the secretary of state does not have any role in elections. Republicans want to change that should they win the office in November.

Primaries were also being held in Minnesota, Connecticut and Vermont.

In Wisconsin, all three GOP candidates on Tuesday’s ballot have echoed former President Donald Trump’s false claims that fraud cost him the 2020 election and have called for the dismantling of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, an agency established six years ago by Republican lawmakers with bipartisan support.

The GOP candidates have all sharply criticized decisions made by the commission heading into the 2020 election, when COVID-19

brought major challenges to running elections, and say they would rather empower the secretary of the state so voters can hold someone accountable for election-related decisions.

To accomplish their goal, Republicans also would need to defeat Democratic Gov. Tony Evers, who would block such a move, in November.

The Republicans vying for the secretary of state nomination in Wisconsin are state Rep. Amy Loudenbeck, businessman Jay Schroeder and Justin Schmidtka, who hosts a political podcast.

On the Democratic side, longtime Secretary of State Doug La Follette faces challenger Alexia Sabor, who is the chair of the Dane County Democratic Party Executive Board. La Follette, 81, was first elected to the position in 1974.

La Follette has said he decided to run again to stop Republicans from meddling with elections, citing Trump’s call to Georgia’s secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger, after the 2020 election asking him to “find” enough votes to overturn Joe Biden’s narrow win there.

The race to challenge

Evers is another proxy war between Trump and former Vice President Mike Pence.

Trump has endorsed businessman Tim Michels, who has put \$12 million into his own campaign, against former Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch, who has support from Pence and ex-Gov. Scott Walker.

Both candidates falsely claim the 2020 election was rigged; Kleefisch has said decertifying the state’s results is “not constitutional,” while Michels said “everything will be on the table.”

This year, races for secretary of state across the nation have drawn tremendous interest and money largely because of the 2020 election, when voting systems and processes came under attack by Trump and his supporters. There is no evidence of widespread fraud or manipulation of voting systems occurring in the 2020 election.

In Minnesota, the leading Republican candidate has called the 2020 election “rigged” and has faced criticism for a video attacking three prominent Jewish Democrats, including the current secretary of state, Democrat Steve Simon, who is seeking reelection.



Voters cast ballots Tuesday at a polling place at the Western Lakes fire station in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, as the state held its primary election. **SCOTT OLSON/GETTY**

Kim Crockett has also called the 2020 election a “train wreck” and accused state election officials of using the pandemic as “cover to change how we vote, but also how the vote is counted.”

In their respective primaries, Crockett and Simon face lesser-known opponents — Republican Erik van Mechelen and Steve Carlson, a perennial candidate running as a Democrat.

Races in Connecticut and Vermont are noteworthy because it’s the first time in more than a decade that the

seats have been open. Both longtime Democratic secretaries of state opted not to seek reelection this year.

Connecticut GOP candidate Dominic Rapini, who is a former board chairman of a group called Fight Voter Fraud Inc., has called for tightening ID requirements and cleaning the state’s voter rolls. Rapini faces state Rep. Terrie Wood, who has also called for tighter voter ID rules and cleaning voter lists.

On the Democratic side, state Rep. Stephanie Thomas, who won the party’s endorsement at the state

convention this spring, faces Maritza Bond, health director for the city of New Haven.

In Vermont, the Democratic primary has drawn the most interest. The candidates are Deputy Secretary of State Chris Winters, state Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas, and Montpelier City Clerk John Odum.

A perennial candidate for office, H. Brooke Paige, is the lone person running in the GOP primary. He also appears on the ballot for three other statewide offices.



A police official holds a flyer Sunday that shows a car sought in connection with the murders of four Muslim men in New Mexico. **ADOLPHE PIERRE-LOUIS/ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL**

Man charged in killings of Muslim men in NM

By Stefanie Dazio and Mariam Fam
Associated Press

A 51-year-old man was charged Tuesday with killing two Muslim men in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and authorities said he is suspected in the slayings of two others whose deaths sparked fear in Muslim communities nationwide.

Officials announced the man’s arrest a day after he was taken into custody.

Police Chief Harold

Medina made the announcement on Twitter, saying that authorities had tracked down a vehicle believed to be involved in one of the slayings in New Mexico’s largest city.

“The driver was detained, and he is our primary suspect for the murders,” the tweet said. No other information was immediately available.

The slayings drew the attention of President Joe Biden, who said such attacks “have no place in America.”

They also sent a shudder through Muslim communities, where some people questioned their safety and limited their movements.

Muhammad Imtiaz Hussain, brother of one of the victims, Muhammad Afzaal Hussain, said he felt relieved but needed to know more about the suspect and the motive.

“We need to know why,” he said.

Naeem Hussain was killed Friday night, and the three other men died in ambush

shootings.

Hussain, 25, was from Pakistan. His death came days after those of Muhammad Afzaal Hussain, 27, and Aftab Hussein, 41, who were also from Pakistan and members of the same mosque. The earliest case involves the November killing of Mohammad Ahmadi, 62, from Afghanistan.

The common elements were the victims’ race and religion, officials said, and police were trying to determine if the deaths are linked.

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NEWS BRIEFING

US to extend supply of monkeypox vaccine with reduced dosage

From news services

WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials Tuesday authorized a plan to stretch the nation's limited supply of monkeypox vaccine by giving people just one-fifth the usual dose, citing research suggesting that the reduced amount is about as effective.

The so-called dose-sparing approach also calls for administering the Jynneos vaccine with an injection just under the skin rather than into deeper tissue — a practice that may rev up the immune system better. Recipients would still get two shots spaced four weeks apart.

The highly unusual step is a stark acknowledgment that the U.S. lacks the supplies needed to vaccinate everyone seeking protection from the rapidly spreading virus.

That includes 1.6 million to 1.7 million Americans considered by federal officials to be at highest risk from the disease, primarily men with HIV or men who have a higher risk of contracting it. Vaccinating that group would require about three times more full doses than the roughly 1.1 million that officials have made available.

The White House's monkeypox response coordinator, Robert Fenton, said the plan would help the U.S. "stay ahead of the virus."

"It's safe, it's effective, and it will significantly scale the volume of vaccine doses available for communities across the country," Fenton told reporters.

The Biden administration declared monkeypox a public health emergency last week in an effort to slow the growing outbreak that has infected more than 8,900 Americans. Officials announced a separate determination Tuesday that

allows the Food and Drug Administration to expedite its review of medical products or new uses for them, such as the dose-sparing technique for Jynneos.

The FDA authorized the new approach for adults 18 and older who are at high risk of monkeypox infection. Younger people can also get the vaccine if they are deemed high risk, though they should receive the traditional injection, the agency said.

Trump tax ruling: A federal appeals court sided Tuesday with a House committee seeking access to former President Donald Trump's tax returns, rejecting Trump's contention that Congress was overstepping.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit agreed with a lower court judge's decision in favor of Congress. U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden — a former Justice Department official and Trump appointee — ruled in December that the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee has broad authority to request the records, and the Treasury Department should provide the tax returns to the committee.

"The Trump Parties contend that the Chairman's Request exceeds Congress's investigative powers. It does not," the judges wrote.

Two of the judges, David Sentelle and Karen Henderson, were appointed by President Ronald Reagan. Robert Wilkins was appointed by President Barack Obama.

It wasn't immediately clear if Trump would appeal.

'Remain in Mexico' policy: The Department of Homeland Security said it ended a Trump-era policy requiring asylum-seekers to wait in



People pray Tuesday at the Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park on the 77th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Nagasaki in southern Japan. The bombing of Nagasaki in 1945 killed some 70,000 people and came three days after the bombing of Hiroshima killed 140,000. World War II ended when Japan surrendered nine days after Nagasaki was destroyed. **KYODO NEWS**

Mexico for hearings in U.S. immigration court, hours after a judge lifted an order in effect since December that it be reinstated.

The timing had been in doubt since the Supreme Court ruled on June 30 that the Biden administration could end the "Remain in Mexico" policy. Homeland Security officials had been largely silent, saying they had to wait for the court to certify the ruling and for a Trump-appointed judge, Matthew Kacsmaryk in Amarillo, Texas, to then lift his injunction. The Supreme Court certified its ruling last week.

The program will be unwound in a "quick, and orderly manner," Homeland Security said in a statement Monday.

About 70,000 migrants were subject to the policy from when President Donald Trump introduced it in January 2019 until President Joe Biden suspended it on his first day in office.

NH motorcycle crash: A jury on Tuesday acquitted a truck

driver of causing the deaths of seven motorcyclists in a head-on collision in northern New Hampshire that exposed fatal flaws in the processing of license revocations across states.

Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 26, of West Springfield, Massachusetts, was found innocent on seven counts of manslaughter, seven counts of negligent homicide and one count of reckless conduct in connection with the June 21, 2019, crash in Randolph.

Jurors deliberated for less than three hours after a two-week trial during which prosecutors argued that Zhukovskyy, who had taken heroin, fentanyl and cocaine that day, repeatedly swerved back and forth before the head-on crash and told police he caused it.

But a judge dismissed eight charges related to whether he was impaired, and his attorneys blamed the lead biker, Albert "Woody" Mazza Jr., saying he was drunk and not looking where he was going when

he lost control of his motorcycle and slid in front of Zhukovskyy's truck.

Taiwan on China drills: Taiwan warned Tuesday that Chinese military drills aren't just a rehearsal for an invasion of the self-governing island.

Angered by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent visit to Taiwan, China has sent military ships and planes across the midline that separates the two sides in the Taiwan Strait and launched missiles into waters surrounding the island. The drills have been extended indefinitely by Beijing.

Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said that beyond aiming to annex the island democracy, which split with the mainland amid civil war in 1949, China wants to establish its dominance in the western Pacific.

That would include controlling of the East and South China Seas via the Taiwan Strait and imposing a blockade to prevent

the U.S. and its allies from aiding Taiwan in the event of an attack, he said in Taipei.

Governor kidnap plot: A jury was selected Tuesday for the second trial of two men charged with conspiring to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer over their disgust with restrictions early in the pandemic.

The judge and lawyers settled on 18 people, including six alternates, to hear the case against Adam Fox, 39, and Barry Croft Jr., 46. They're on trial again after a jury in April couldn't reach a verdict. Two co-defendants were acquitted and two more pleaded guilty earlier.

The plot to kidnap the Democratic governor followed training in Wisconsin and Michigan and two trips to scout her second home in northern Michigan, according to trial evidence.

Fox and Croft regularly communicated with other extremists who were angry with Whitmer and various public officials, evidence showed.

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WORLD & NATION

Police ‘overwhelmed’ as ranks shrink

Gun violence soars as cops quit or retire in wake of pandemic

By Gillian Flaccus, Claudia Lauer and Stefanie Dazio Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Five years after Brian Spaulding’s parents found him fatally shot, his slaying remains a mystery that seems increasingly unlikely to be solved as Portland police confront a spike in killings and more than 100 officer vacancies.

Portland’s homicide rate surged 207% since 2019 and detectives working older cases are now swamped with new ones.

“To us, it’s not a cold case,” said George Spaulding, who has his son’s signature tattooed on his arm. “We’re not dissatisfied with the Police Bureau because I think they’re doing the best they can,” he said. “They are just overwhelmed. It’s insane.”

From Philadelphia to Portland to Los Angeles, gun violence and killings are rising at the same time officers worn out by the pandemic and disillusioned over the calls to divest from policing are quitting or retiring faster than they can be replaced.

Departments are scrambling to recruit in a tight labor market and also rethinking what services they can provide. Many have shifted veteran officers to patrol, breaking up specialized teams to keep up with 911 calls.

“We’re getting more calls for service and there are fewer people to answer them,” said Philadelphia Police spokesperson Eric Gripp, whose department has been rotating employees from specialty units to increase patrols. “Departments all over are down and recruitment has been difficult.”

Los Angeles, down more than 650 officers from its pre-pandemic staffing, shut-



Police Sgt. Travis Garrison, left, and Officer Ryan Gomez conduct a traffic stop in July in Gresham, Ore. CRAIG MITCHELLDYER/AP

tered its animal cruelty unit and downsized its human trafficking, narcotics and gun details, and reduced its homeless outreach teams by 80%.

Seattle recently announced \$2 million in hiring bonuses and benefits to lure recruits amid an officer shortage.

“For me, I wonder, what the profession is going to be 20 years from now if we’re having these challenges on a nationwide scale. Are we going to be able to recruit enough people to serve our cities?” asked Portland police Chief Chuck Lovell, whose force has lost 237 officers through retirements or resignations since 2020.

Portland logged a record 89 homicides last year — roughly three times its historical average — and is on pace to top that this year after already tallying more than 50.

A report completed for the city last month by the California Partnership for Safe Communities found

75% of homicides in 2020 were by gun. The city has seen nearly 800 shootings this year.

That follows a national trend.

While non-violent crime decreased during the pandemic, the murder rate increased nearly 30% in 2020 and the rate of assaults went up 10%, according to the Brennan Center for Justice.

COVID-19 created huge social disruption and upended government and community support systems.

Gun sales also spiked during the pandemic.

Experts say widely cited theories that violent crime is worse in places that changed policing tactics in the wake of protests over Floyd’s murder don’t bear out. Violent crime has increased in red and blue communities alike, regardless of their approach.

“There’s a lot of evidence that something bigger is going on than the social

justice protests that happened, and it’s probably more than one thing,” said Ben Struhl, executive director of the Crime and Justice Policy Lab at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah King, who is transitioning out of homelessness, was shot while trying to protect a friend in Portland who was being attacked just a short walk from the city’s business district.

“I didn’t feel anything at first but 10 seconds later I could hardly breathe,” King said after three nights in the hospital. “I thought I was going to pass away.”

To address the violence, Portland’s police chief broke up specialized units to bolster patrol numbers and moved detectives from assault, cold case and gun violence units to his homicide squad. That effectively stopped investigations into about 300 unsolved slayings.

Brian Spaulding’s parents now must consider the possibility that one day no

one will be assigned to their son’s case.

“I keep thinking that with all of the gun violence that’s going on, they might be able to get a gun that matches the gun that killed Brian,” Carolyn Spaulding said.

But what law enforcement says is a staffing crisis could be a case of misdirected resources, said Christy Lopez, co-director of Georgetown Law School’s Center for Innovations in Community Safety.

In some departments, police have sworn in new recruits this year, although the numbers aren’t keeping up with attrition, they say.

“You really can’t take it at face value when a department says you need more police officers. You need to look at a staffing audit: ‘What are your police officers doing? What are they unable to do?’ It might mean that you actually need another Boys and Girls Club, not more officers,” she said.

Some have celebrated the downsizing, including

homeless advocates in Los Angeles, where 4 out of 5 homeless outreach teams were disbanded.

“Police should be nowhere around outreach. You can’t be the provider of services as well as the jailer,” said Pete White, the founder and executive director of the Los Angeles Community Action Network.

Still many others are fed up with perceived lack of action by police.

In Philadelphia, where the department is down 550 officers from pre-pandemic staffing and another 860 are on medical leave or restricted duty, City Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez said there are more than 30,000 backlogged police complaints about abandoned cars.

Officers normally assigned to a unit dealing with neighborhood issues have been shifted to violent hot spots, where the homicide rate reached a record high last year.

The abandoned cars bring “trash in the areas, then you know other crimes, quality of life issues, drug dealing, shootings, killings,” said Kimberly Washington, executive director of the Frankford Community Development Corporation. “This starts to look like the place where this can all go down because no one cares.”

Royal Harris knows what that’s like.

Growing up in Portland’s gang territory in the 1990s, his brother, two first cousins, two second cousins and numerous friends were shot to death — and many of those cases remain unsolved.

Harris supports the temporary shutdown of the city’s cold case unit if it means police can close fresh cases, even though it takes resources from solving his own loved ones’ slayings.

“Under the current climate, somebody’s going to feel cheated and we have to be honest with that. The question is, who do we cheat?” he said.

Kenyan presidential election pits ‘hustler,’ longtime leftist

By Declan Walsh The New York Times

NAIROBI, Kenya — One is the self-declared champion of the “hustler nation.” The other is a veteran leftist making his fifth run for high office. Both are products of Kenya’s calcified, corruption-ridden political system, yet claim they can transform it.

The race to lead the East African nation of Kenya reached its climax Tuesday as 22 million registered voters faced a choice between William Ruto, 55, the country’s vice president, and Raila Odinga, a 77-year-old who is making yet another bid for the presidency.

Days from the vote, the race was a nail biter — a testament to Kenya’s maturing democracy, which, despite its flaws, stands in contrast to other African countries where once-high democratic hopes have given way to sham votes and military coups in recent years.

Turnout was reported to be lower than in previous presidential elections, when as many as 80% of registered Kenyans voted. But in the candidates’ strongholds, lines were long and enthusiasm was high.

The results are expected to start coming in this week — along with, almost inevitably, claims of rigging by the loser. Anxious Kenyans will be holding their breath until then.

To its Western allies, that’s one reason Kenya — a burgeoning technology hub, important counterterrorism partner and anchor of stability in a region roiled by starvation and strife — matters more than ever.

Still, Kenyan elections have a messy

and unpredictable history. Previous contests were marred by violence, lengthy courtroom dramas, and, in 2017, the murder of a senior electoral official days before the poll. This election day, however, has been largely tranquil.

The two main candidates are distinguished by style as much as substance. Ruto is the self-styled champion of Kenya’s “hustlers” — the masses of frustrated youth, many of them poor, who are struggling to succeed in life. “Every Hustle Matters” reads the slogan across his blinged-out campaign vehicle.

Ruto is determined and ambitious, although he also has a reputation for ruthlessness. A decade ago, he was facing trial at the International Criminal Court on charges of orchestrating violence after the 2007 election, in which more than 1,200 people were killed. The case collapsed in 2016 after the Kenyan government withdrew its cooperation and key witnesses recanted their testimony.

Odinga, the scion of a storied Kenyan political dynasty, offers familiarity. His numerous failures to win the presidency have deepened a sense of grievance among his fellow Luo, Kenya’s fourth-largest ethnic group.

Mostly, though, Odinga’s success in this election comes down to a political alliance, known as “the handshake,” that he struck in 2018 with President Uhuru Kenyatta.

That deal ensured that Kenyatta, from the dominant Kikuyu ethnic group, is backing Odinga — and in turn made an enemy of Kenyatta’s deputy, Ruto, who has spent much of the campaign criticizing his former boss.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Powerful blasts rock Russian air base in Crimean Peninsula

By Susie Blann Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Powerful explosions rocked a Russian air base in the Crimean Peninsula and sent towering clouds of smoke over the landscape Tuesday in what may mark an escalation of the war in Ukraine.

Russia’s Defense Ministry denied the Saki base on the Black Sea had been shelled and said munitions were blown up. But Ukrainian social networks were abuzz with speculation that it was hit by Ukrainian-fired long-range missiles.

Videos posted on social networks showed sunbathers fleeing a nearby beach as huge flames and pillars of smoke rose over the horizon from multiple points, accompanied by loud booms. Crimea Today News said on Telegram that witnesses reported fire on a runway and damage to nearby homes as a result of what it said were dozens of blasts.

Russia’s state news agency Tass quoted an unidentified ministry source as saying the explosions’ primary cause appeared to be a “violation of fire safety requirements.” The ministry said no warplanes were damaged.

Ukraine’s Defense Ministry said sarcastically on Facebook: “The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine cannot establish the

cause of the fire, but once again recalls the rules of fire safety and the prohibition of smoking in unspecified places.”

During the war, Russia has reported numerous fires and explosions at munitions storage sites on its territory near the Ukrainian border, blaming some of them on Ukrainian strikes. Ukrainian authorities have mostly remained mum about the incidents.

If Ukrainian forces were responsible for the blasts at the air base, it would mark the first known major attack on a Russian military site on the Crimean Peninsula, which the Kremlin annexed in 2014. A smaller explosion last month at the headquarters of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet in the Crimean port of Sevastopol was blamed on Ukrainian saboteurs.

Crimea’s regional leader, Sergei Aksyonov, said ambulances and medical helicopters were sent to the base and the area was sealed off within a radius of 3 miles. One person was killed, he said. Crimean health authorities said nine others were wounded.

Officials in Moscow have long warned Ukraine that any attack on Crimea would trigger massive retaliation, including strikes on “decision-making centers” in Kyiv.

Earlier Tuesday, Ukrainian officials reported at least three

Ukrainian civilians were killed and 23 wounded by Russian shelling in the previous 24 hours, including an attack near the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

The Russians fired over 120 rockets at the town of Nikopol, across the Dnieper River from the plant, Dnipropetrovsk Gov. Valentyn Reznichenko said. Several buildings and industrial sites were damaged, he said.

Ukraine and Russia have accused each other of shelling the power station, Europe’s biggest nuclear plant, stoking international fears of a catastrophe.

The governor of the region where the plant is, Oleksandr Starukh, said Tuesday that radiation levels were normal.

A Russian-installed official in the partially occupied Zaporizhzhia region said an air defense system at the plant would be reinforced in the aftermath of last week’s shelling. Evgeny Balitsky, head of the Kremlin-backed administration, told Russian state TV that power lines and other damaged portions of the plant were restored.

The Ukrainians in recent weeks have been mounting counterattacks in Russian-occupied areas of southern Ukraine while trying to hold off the Kremlin’s forces in the Donbas region in the east.

Miss. grand jury declines to indict woman in Emmett Till’s 1955 killing

By Michael Goldberg and Allen G. Breed Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — A Mississippi grand jury has declined to indict the white woman whose accusation set off the lynching of Black teenager Emmett Till nearly 70 years ago, most likely closing the case that shocked a nation and galvanized the modern civil rights movement.

After hearing more than seven hours of testimony

from investigators and witnesses, a Leflore County grand jury last week determined there was insufficient evidence to indict Carolyn Bryant Donham on charges of kidnapping and manslaughter, Leflore County District Attorney Dewayne Richardson said in a news release Tuesday.

The decision comes despite recent revelations about an unserved arrest warrant and the 87-year-old Donham’s unpublished memoir.

The Rev. Wheeler Parker, Jr., Emmett Till’s cousin and the last living witness to Till’s Aug. 28, 1955, abduction, said Tuesday’s announcement is “unfortunate, but predictable.”

“The prosecutor tried his best, and we appreciate his efforts, but he alone cannot undo hundreds of years of anti-Black systems that guaranteed those who killed Emmett Till would go unpunished, to this day,” Parker said in a statement.

An email and voicemail

seeking comment from Donham’s son Tom Bryant weren’t immediately returned Tuesday.

In June, a group searching the basement of the Leflore County Courthouse discovered the unserved arrest warrant charging Donham, then-husband Roy Bryant and brother-in-law J.W. Milam in Till’s abduction in 1955. While the men were arrested and acquitted on murder charges in Till’s subsequent slaying, Donham, 21 at the time, was

never taken into custody.

The 14-year-old Chicago boy was visiting relatives in Mississippi when he and some other children went to the store in the town of Money where Carolyn Bryant worked. Relatives told the AP that Till had whistled at the white woman, but denied that he touched her as she’d claimed.

In an unpublished memoir obtained last month by the AP, Donham said Milam and her husband

brought Till to her in the middle of the night for identification but that she tried to help the youth by denying it was him. She claimed that Till then volunteered that he was the one they were looking for.

Till’s battered, disfigured body was found days later in a river. The decision by his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, to open Till’s casket for his funeral demonstrated the horror of what had happened and added fuel to the civil rights movement.

WORLD & NATION

Baby boxes help provide safe haven

Conservatives press for anonymous way to give up newborns

By Dana Goldstein
The New York Times

The Safe Haven Baby Box at a firehouse in Carmel, Indiana, looked like a library book drop. It had been available for three years for anyone who wanted to surrender a baby anonymously.

No one had ever used it, though, until early April. When its alarm went off, Victor Andres, a firefighter, opened the box and found, to his disbelief, a newborn boy wrapped in towels.

The discovery made the local TV news, which praised the courage of the mother, calling it “a time for celebration.”

Later that month, Andres pulled another newborn, a girl, from the box. In May, a third baby appeared.

By summer, three more infants were left at baby box locations throughout the state.

The baby boxes are part of the safe haven movement, which has long been closely tied to anti-abortion activism.

These havens offer desperate mothers a way to surrender their newborns anonymously for adoption, and, advocates say, avoid hurting, abandoning or even killing them.

The havens can be boxes, which allow parents to avoid speaking to anyone or even being seen when surrendering their babies.

More traditionally, the havens are locations such as hospitals and fire stations, where staff members are trained to accept a face-to-face handoff from a parent in crisis.

All 50 states have safe haven laws meant to protect surrendering mothers from criminal charges. The first, known as the “Baby Moses”



A box to surrender newborns at a fire station July 7 in Carmel, Ind. Safe haven laws are supported by the religious right. KAITI SULLIVAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

law, was passed in Texas in 1999 after a number of women abandoned infants in trash cans or dumpsters.

But what began as a way to prevent the most extreme cases of child abuse has become a broader phenomenon, supported especially among the religious right, which heavily promotes adoption as an alternative to abortion.

Over the past five years, more than 12 states have passed laws allowing baby boxes or expanding safe haven options in other ways. And safe haven surrenders, experts in reproductive health and child welfare say, are likely to become more common after the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

During oral arguments in the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organi-

zation, Justice Amy Coney Barrett suggested that safe haven laws offered an alternative to abortion by allowing women to avoid “the burdens of parenting.”

In the court’s decision, Justice Samuel Alito cited safe haven laws as a “modern development” that, in the majority’s view, obviated the need for abortion rights.

But for many experts in adoption and women’s health, safe havens are hardly a panacea.

To them, a safe haven surrender is a sign that a woman fell through the cracks of existing systems. They may have concealed their pregnancies and given birth without prenatal care or they may suffer from domestic violence, drug addiction, homelessness or mental illness.

The adoptions themselves

could also be problematic, with women potentially unaware that they are terminating parental rights, and children left with little information about their origins.

If a parent is using a safe haven, “there’s been a crisis, and the system has already in some way failed,” said Ryan Hanlon, president of the National Council for Adoption.

Safe haven surrenders are still rare. The National Safe Haven Alliance estimates that 115 legal surrenders took place in 2021. In recent years, there have been more than 100,000 domestic adoptions annually and more than 600,000 abortions.

Studies show that the vast majority of women denied an abortion are uninterested in adoption and go on to raise their children.

But the safe haven move-

ment has become much more prominent, in part because of a boost from a charismatic activist with roots in anti-abortion activism, Monica Kelsey, founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes.

With Kelsey and allies lobbying across the country, states like Indiana, Iowa and Virginia have sought to make safe haven surrenders easier, faster and more anonymous — allowing older babies to be dropped off or allowing relinquishing parents to leave the scene without speaking to another adult or sharing any medical history.

Some who work with safe haven children are concerned about the baby boxes in particular. There are now more than 100 across the country.

“Is this infant being surrendered without coercion?” asked Micah Orlist,

director of the Safe Surrender Clinic at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

“Is this a parent who is in a bad spot and could benefit from some time and discussion in a warm hand-off experience to make their decision?”

To use one of Kelsey’s boxes, a parent pulls open a metal drawer to reveal a temperature-controlled hospital bassinet. Once the baby is inside and the drawer is closed, it locks automatically; the parent cannot reopen it.

An alarm is triggered, and the facility’s staff members can access the bassinet. The box also sends out a 911 call.

Twenty-one babies have been left in the boxes since 2017, and the average amount of time a child is inside the box is less than two minutes, Kelsey said.



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Fresh opposition to affordable housing law

Glastonbury’s reluctant approval of apartment project cited

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Some critics of Connecticut’s initiative to increase affordable housing are saying the recent approval of a five-story apartment building in Glastonbury illustrates the problem.

Glastonbury planners last month voted 4-2 to authorize a 74-unit apartment building on Manchester Road despite relatively widespread opposition from neighbors.

Nearly 20 residents told commissioners that the building is too big and would

be out of character for the property where it’s proposed, but those arguments weren’t enough to overcome a state law that heavily favors developers who propose affordable housing.

About 30% of the apartments in Buckingham Place would be deed-restricted for 40 years as affordable housing, more than enough to trigger a state law that encourages such projects. In towns where less than 10% of the housing stock is designated as “affordable,” the law sharply restricts the ability of planning commissions to refuse projects.

Advocates in the General Assembly

contend that overly restrictive zoning is part of why most Connecticut communities — especially the more affluent suburbs — fall far short of the 10% goal. Glastonbury has acknowledged that less than 6% of its housing qualifies as affordable.

Critics of the law argue that it gives developers too much freedom to skirt reasonable zoning rules, ultimately forcing planning and zoning commissions to approve projects only out of fear of being overturned on appeal.

“This application is somewhat troublesome from a number of perspectives,” commission member Ray Hassett said after a hearing in July. “The project is too dense,

the building is too tall, it doesn’t comport with the area in which it’s being placed.

“I don’t think it meets a lot of the needs of affordable housing — it’s not on a bus line, it’s really not walkable to areas that are meaningful,” Hassett said.

Nevertheless, Hassett and three other commissioners reluctantly voted for the project in a 4-2 vote.

But Hassett said state statute 8-30g limits local zoning commissions so sharply that they can’t take those factors into their decision making.

“We’re restricted, we’re limited. This project

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Child care funding stripped from bill

That was among the top priorities for Connecticut in Inflation Reduction Act

By Lisa Hagen
Ct Mirror

Democrats believe they’re on the verge of passing one of the most significant bills of President Joe Biden’s administration, which they argue will reduce high costs caused by inflation.

But a major provision that was a high priority for Connecticut was taken out as the party needed to slim down the legislation: funding for child care.

Child care was included in an initial version of the party’s economic agenda and was heavily pushed by lawmakers in the state’s congressional delegation. Biden visited Hartford last October to tour a child care facility and specifically promote those parts of his bill. Connecticut’s two U.S. senators and all five House members joined him on the visit.

But pushback from a couple of senators in the party made it inevitable that some top priorities for Democrats would get stripped out of what was once known as the “Build Back Better Act.” Because the party is using a special process known as budget reconciliation to advance the bill with a smaller number of voters and without any support from Republicans, passage in the Senate hinged on the support of

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Frontier starts daily flights from Bradley to Las Vegas

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

Ultra-low cost Frontier Airlines launched its nonstop, daily flight to Las Vegas on Tuesday from Bradley International Airport paired with introductory one-way fares as low as \$89.

With the addition of Las Vegas, Frontier now flies nonstop to six destinations from Connecticut’s largest airport.

Daniel Shurz, a Frontier senior vice president, said the new route “offers consumers an affordable and convenient option for visiting one of the most popular vacation destinations in America.”

JetBlue now offers nonstop service to Las Vegas from Bradley and Breeze plans to add the route in September. But neither airline offers daily service, according to

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Kaysle Stewart, of East Hartford, has started to sell her Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots out of her home for under \$45. She came up with the idea after seeing similar products on Etsy for a much higher price. Her husband, Tristan Stewart, also helps with some of the painting. Each pot takes her roughly one hour. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

Etsy style artistry and clay-pot crafts

Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots celebrate Hartford woman’s creativity and culture

By Ted Glanzer | Hartford Courant

When she and her husband bought their home on Preston Street in Hartford four years ago, Kaysle Stewart wanted to have her ordinary stoop to pop with color.

Stewart took to Pinterest and saw artists who made clay flower pot people, which she liked a lot but not the prices.

“I was like, ‘I’m not paying \$95 for that,’” Stewart said, noting she also wanted flower pot people that stood out more than what was on offer. “I wanted color. They had the pots, but

they’re just plain. I wanted bling.”

So her husband, Travis Stewart, perhaps Hartford’s best-known backyard farmer, made a suggestion that reflects the family’s DIY ethos.

“Travis said, ‘You know you can make your own,’ “ Kaysle said, adding that she quickly made a sojourn to a craft store and bought \$100 of supplies.

Thus began Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots, a side business that Kaysle started — with a nudge from Travis — a year ago. Unbeknownst to Kaysle, Travis posted on a Hartford Face-

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‘Destigmatizing mental illness’ their mission

Connecticut psychiatrist’s dinner table talk inspires daughters to take action

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

When Rebecca Wahl, 17, and her older sister, Tess asked their psychiatrist mom what her patients are like in the mental health facility where she works, they expected to hear some interesting stories.

But instead they were enlightened by mom’s answers.

“Mom said, ‘They’re just like you and me,’” Rebecca Wahl said of her mom, Dr.



Rebecca Wahl, 17, of Daniel Hand High School in Madison, unloads personal care and other items collected for psychiatric patients at Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown. COURTESY

Rebecca Wahl.

When the girls followed up with the question, “Do they act crazy?” Rebecca Wahl said her mom’s response was, “They’re going through a time of personal growth. This is something that should be normalized.”

The sisters looked at each other as if the light bulbs went on at the same time, the younger Rebecca Wahl said.

The pair were moved to start the nonprofit, “Help for Happiness,” which collects and buys quality-of-life items — fuzzy socks, art supplies, stuffed animals, quality hygiene products — for psychiatric patients at Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown. Dr. Wahl works at a different

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Sen. Joe Manchin, D-WV, and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz.

Advocates in Connecticut are warning that more needs to be done for an industry where high prices for day care enrollment are the norm and facilities are still facing a staffing shortage caused in part by low wages. They're frustrated by the lack of action from Congress, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated an already-fragile system.

Many of them saw the reconciliation process as the only vehicle for getting substantial assistance for early education at the federal level, especially with Democratic majorities in the House and Senate at risk in the November midterm elections.

In addition to nearly \$400 billion in funding for child care and pre-kindergarten, Biden's plan at one point also included a national paid family leave program and an extension of the enhanced child tax credit created under Democrats' pandemic relief package.

Now activists wonder when key investments will come next from Washington.

For a bill now called the "Inflation Reduction Act," "we're not dealing with the biggest expense for families besides housing," said Merrill Gay, executive director of the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance.

"The regular order of business hasn't ever and isn't likely to produce the kind of changes that's needed for child care. We're still so conflicted about the role of women, and what's the ideal child-rearing setup, that we provide meager child care subsidies for single moms and let everyone else fend for themselves."

Democrats' legislation has undergone a dramatic make-over over the past year-and-a-half.

Initially \$3.5 trillion, Biden's domestic economic agenda was sliced in half by the end of 2021.

The bill was poised to be even smaller and only focus on prescription drug pricing and Affordable Care Act subsidies just a month ago, but Democrats suddenly secured a deal with Manchin to address tax policy and climate change.

The revival was a major win for the party, though the Democrats announced it without securing support from Sinema. But she announced Thursday night

she'll get behind the bill.

But that left early childhood advocates disappointed, especially since many in Connecticut have been particularly vocal over the past few years.

They've been trying to shine a spotlight on a long-hobbled industry that grew more challenging during the pandemic, with families navigating facility closures and programs combating staff shortages. And during that time more women were leaving the workforce to care for their children without the ability to pay for it.

According to an analysis from First Five Years Fund, the number of Connecticut mothers with children under 5 who are working declined from 73.2% in 2019 to 71.1% in 2021. On top of that, 44% of residents live in a "child care desert," with that percentage increasing for low-income and Latino families.

Since the start of the pandemic several early childhood groups in the state have held a weekly Zoom meeting on Monday mornings where a few hundred providers would attend.

Liz Fraser, who works as the policy director for the Connecticut Association for Human Services, said Beth Bye, the commissioner of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, joined one to ask providers for suggestions on how to spend the first tranche of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

And in March a coalition of organizations held a Morning Without Childcare rally, where centers opened late to highlight the challenges they face and rally for \$700 million in funding, though they secured a portion of that request from the state legislature. Advocates say all of the members of the state's congressional delegation have been closely involved in their efforts and took out their frustrations on Manchin and Sinema for pushing a much smaller bill.

With the Senate divided 50-50, bills normally need to reach 60 votes to overcome a filibuster, which means some cooperation from Republicans. But with the reconciliation process legislation can clear filibusters with only a simple majority. For Democrats, that means getting all 50 Democrats on board and having Vice President Kamala Harris on hand to break any ties.

No Republicans in either chamber of Congress support the legislation. They opposed larger versions of the bill, and now they argue that the latest iteration will barely reduce

inflation, or even add to it.

Democrats vow that no one making less than \$400,000 will see a tax increase, but Republicans counter that some in that classification will pay more taxes, citing a report from the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation.

For his part, Manchin only wanted measures in the bill that would specifically reduce inflation as well as the federal deficit. And Sinema eventually got on board once there was an agreement to remove the carried interest tax provision from the bill.

The Senate held a marathon session over the weekend to vote on any amendments before a final decision was reached.

"I understand there's always a frustration about not being able to do more," said Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn.

But he defended his party's ability to move major pieces of legislation in a 50-50 Senate, which he called "pretty impressive."

"The downside of setting your sights so high and so publicly is the attention often gets turned into what wasn't in the bill rather than what was in it," Murphy said.

Both Murphy and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., had signed onto a letter from Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., calling on Democrats to insert at least some child care investments into the reconciliation bill.

Her plan would triple the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant, raise wages for providers and pilot a new program for six years. But that effort didn't materialize.

"I'm infuriated that the likely proposal has no specific program for sustaining child care," Blumenthal said. "I'm still a supporter of the Inflation Reduction Act, as deeply disappointed as I am about the lack of a specific child care program."

With the Senate's passage of the Inflation Reductionn Act, the House will take it up before it goes to Biden's desk. The House already passed a \$1.75 trillion version of the Build Back Better legislation last November, but Manchin torpedoed that bill a month later when he said he couldn't support it in its current form.

As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2, was involved in marking up the child care and pre-K portions of the bill.

The House's version of Build Back Better, among other things, capped care costs at 7% of a family's income and increased compensation for child care workers.

"Centers don't have enough funds to hire people at a reasonable rate to compete with McDonald's and Amazon," Courtney said. "Kind of like health care, the issues have their cycles, and this one is not going away."

Activists are looking to the state for better solutions, though they acknowledge that federal funding would be more helpful.

Connecticut and other states received some child care funds through a few pandemic rescue packages, including the American Rescue Plan Act that was passed last March.

The analysis from the First Five Years Fund found that 43,452 "child care spots were saved by ARPA funds." During the pandemic the state received about \$346 million in funding through that bill and other revenue streams.

Like other states, Connecticut is dealing with a two-pronged issue with its child care system: high costs for families to participate, and a worker shortage that's causing centers not to operate at fuller capacity and with waiting lists.

According to a survey conducted in April of over 200 state-based providers by the Connecticut Association of Human Services, a quarter of child care capacity is unavailable because there's not enough workers. It estimates that more than 24,000 Connecticut child care spaces are "out of commission due to a lack of staff."

And while the monthly payments for the expanded child tax credit weren't extended into 2022, Connecticut had its own state rebate available. More than 70% of eligible households claimed the \$250-per-child tax credit before the July 31 deadline.

In addition to some financial assistance through ARPA, Connecticut will get some more through the annual appropriations process to fund the government.

Only half of the 12 bills have gotten through the House and have yet to go to the Senate, but Connecticut lawmakers have so far secured earmarks for projects in their districts, with some going to child care facilities, including one for Courtney's district that will replace a child care building in Groton.

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Police: Overnight shooting in Norwich leaves 1 hospitalized

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A 23-year-old man was hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the hand after an early-morning shooting in Norwich, according to police.

Norwich Police said they were called to Backus Hospital around 2 a.m. on Tuesday for a report of a man with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

The victim of the shooting would not provide the location or specific details of the incident, according to police. The police

said they did not receive any reports of shots fired around the suspected time of the shooting.

The victim said the person who shot him fled the area of the shooting, according to police.

Police said it does not appear to be a random act and believe there is no immediate threat to the public.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Norwich Police Detective Division at 860-886-5561 ext. 3199 or by calling the department's anonymous tip line at 860-886-5561 ext. 4.

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ects falls squarely within 8-30g," said Hasset, who credited state Rep. Jill Barry for telling commissioners that she will work in the General Assembly to revise that law.

"This project is too intense for this site," commission Secretary Michael Botelho said. "The fact that it's five towers is troublesome to me as well. There are concerns, there are issues — however none of those concerns or issues override the fact that we have section 8-30g of the Connecticut general statutes.

"It's in serious need of revision. Hopefully changes will be made so that the legislature does not have the ability to control or dictate how towns like Glaston-

bury govern themselves," Botelho said. "We really cannot deny this application unless we find substantial health and safety issues. The record does not reflect those issues."

Vice Chair Sharon Purtill agreed, noting that she had voted against what she called "a less intrusive proposal" 17 years ago when a developer wanted to build a CVS on the same property. But the terms of 8-30g didn't apply to that project, so the town's rejection wasn't likely to be overturned in court.

She noted that the commission hired experts to determine whether substantial health and safety issues remain with the apartment proposal. They reported no such concerns, so the commission couldn't reject the plan, she said.

"The law does need to be changed," she said.

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the Connecticut Airport Authority, which oversees operations at Bradley.

Frontier's flight departs at 5:46 p.m., eastern time and arrives in Las Vegas at 8:22 p.m., pacific time.

To qualify for the introductory fares, tickets must be purchased by 11:59 p.m., eastern time on Aug. 15. All flight reservations are non-refundable with this exception: refunds are given for reservations made 7 days or more before departure and the refund request is made within 24 hours of the initial reservation.

Fares are offered for Monday through Saturday through Nov. 2. Tickets must be purchased seven days in advance, and these blackout dates apply: Aug. 31; Sept. 3, 6 and 7; and Oct. 8, 15, 18 and 19.

There are separate fees in addition to the base fare for baggage, advance seating and other services.

In addition to Las Vegas, the airline currently offers service to Atlanta, Denver, Orlando, Raleigh-Durham and San Juan. Frontier Airlines resumed service at Bradley in 2018.

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book forum that the flower pot girls were for sale.

"Someone reached out and asked, 'How much are you selling them for?' " Kaysle said. "I was like, 'Give me a minute?'"

She "said" she then asked Travis if he put the flower pot girls up for sale on social media.

"He was like, 'Yes, you paid so much to create them, so now we have to sell them,' " she said.

Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots are actually composed of six flower pots — two larger ones that are attached to one another at the bottoms to form the head and body, and four smaller ones that are the hands and feet when attached with rope to the body.

Kaysle makes them in three different sizes: small, medium and large, which go for \$25, \$35 and \$45, respectively.

Kaysle and Travis both paint cartoonish faces on the heads, while Kaysle paints the bodies, often with pastels as well as vibrant reds and blues. When she's done painting, Kaysle then decorates the pots with bling wraps on the heads, bodies and hands.

It takes Kaysle about an hour and a half to two hours to finish one flower pot girl.

"I do have patience," said Kaysle, who works with individuals with disabilities in her full-time job.

And while she doesn't have formal training, she is creative, having designed and made her flower girl's dress for the Stewarts' 2016 wedding. Kaysle made elaborate piñatas for her daughter Akila's birthday and her niece's birthday.



Kaysle Stewart makes Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots in three different sizes: small, medium and large, which go for \$25, \$35 and \$45, respectively. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

She mostly sells Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots on social media and at pop-up markets, like the one coming up in Hamden on Sunday at the Salvation Army Thrift Store parking lot, 1359 Dixwell Avenue, from 2 to 6 p.m., as well as Saturday bazaar at the held throughout the summer.

The response from the public has been overwhelmingly positive.

"People say, 'Oh my goodness, they're beautiful. How can I get one?'" Kaysle said.

"I thought they were really cute," Kamora Herrington, founder of Kamora's Cultural Center, said. "[Kaysle] is a beautiful human being, who is talented and is reaching her potential right now as an artist and a woman. As a woman, she is stepping into her amazing power and it's showing up in all kinds of things. The Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots are an amazing expression of herself."

Kaysle hasn't kept track of

how many she's sold — she'll often make a custom one on request — but she estimates she's made more than 35 flower pot girls. Though Travis made one Brown Skin Flower Pot Boy at the request of one client.

"Occasionally we do take custom orders, people will ask, 'Can I get a red in a medium or a small,' " Kaysle said.

One Brown Skin Girl Flower Pot Girl that Kaysle showed off in her home Friday was painted in Pan-African colors of red, green and gold, which came at the request of a customer.

The overall venture is a work in progress, Kaysle said, as some people have asked for Brown Skin Girl and Brown Skin Boy flower pots painted in their favorite football jerseys.

There's no set schedule for when she makes the flower pot girls, just when it strikes her fancy.

"If I have nothing to do, I will just come and I will just

paint them," she said overlooking the makeshift studio in the front breezeway of her home. "Whenever I get a break, I will just do it. Or if someone asks for a specific color, I'll just do it.

Travis has the backyard for farming, while she has the front of the home for Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots.

Their creativity is something their kids inherited. Akila, 15, was the driving force behind Travis' backyard farming and helps tend to the gardens. Nathaniel, 9, makes homemade Beyblades — spinning tops that battle one another — out of Lego bricks.

"We're very crafty, we're very active," Kaysle said.

Brown Skin Girl Flower Pots can be ordered online by request through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Brown-Skin-Girl-Flower-Pots-101848139223567> or Pinterest at [brown_skingirl-flowerpots/](https://www.pinterest.com/brown_skingirl-flowerpots/).

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Daughters

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psychiatric hospital.

Tess Wahl has now moved out of state and Rebecca Wahl, a rising senior at Daniel Hand High School in Madison, is rejuvenating efforts for the nonprofit they started collecting for in 2018.

They've made two big deliveries to CVH and Rebecca is now looking for money donations to buy more of the popular and allowable items.

"I started it to give something positive to the community. To help patients feel less alone in their treatment because I always ask about patients," Rebecca Wahl said.

She understands that a stick of Axe deodorant and an adult coloring book aren't going to work miracles.

"These small items might not be solving the problem, but they're part of the solution," she said. "They've proven (through staff feedback) to bring a tremendous comfort and sense of normalcy to the patients during their time of personal growth."

Dr. Wahl said she's proud of both daughters.

"Destigmatizing mental illness and its treatment is an incredibly relevant and important goal in our society today," Dr. Wahl said. "It may seem trivial to be providing patients with comfort/recreational items, but it is these small things that can normalize the patient's stay and further patient recovery."

She said "Help for Happiness" is a way in which people can "express their support and send their encouragement to those who are demonstrating great bravery in facing serious illness and recovery.

"Receiving help should be something that is celebrated rather than feared," Dr. Wahl said.

A contact at the hospital referred the Courant to Chief Executive Officer Lakisha Hyatt, who did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

The younger Rebecca Wahl, whose father is an orthopedic doctor, said she's always been aware of the affects of medical and mental illness on the "trajectory" of people's lives.

Like mom, Rebecca Wahl said, she's bothered by the stigmatization of those with mental illness.

"Those with mental illness should be treated with the same dignity as those with physical illness," she said.

"I find the stigmatizing around mental health to be absurdly ironic because someone is being vulnerable and getting help with their mental health," she said. "In return they're isolated from society and labeled It's a positive thing and not something to be afraid of."

Mom has been a "huge help" in the group's effort, Rebecca Wahl said, including connecting the group with CVH.

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THEATER REVIEW

‘Believe’ by The Other Voice delivers meditative beauty amid static, noise

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Some of the most needed, most missed live shows that couldn’t happen during the pandemic are still just beginning to reemerge: intimate, sensitive, poetic dance and performance art pieces that offer dreamlike, thought-provoking artistic interpretations of how we deal with grief, isolation and change.

“Believe” by Hartford-based actor/director Joni Weisfeld’s The Other Voice theater company is ostensibly about the COVID era, how people were affected by it and how they got through it. But it’s more general, more universal than that. It’s about finding things to believe in during difficult, unpredictable times.

Weisfeld founded The Other Voice a couple of years before COVID happened, and the company’s style of nonverbal, movement-oriented theater is ideal for the sort of topics the pandemic forced us to face.

There are three local performers: Alisa Nipp (originally from California, and trained in ballet), Victoria Jaenson (a Ugandan dancer who has studied at the Hartt School and worked in this area with Ballet Theatre Company and Dimensional Dance) and Missy Burmeister (who teaches at Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts). Some dance more, some act more, all do both. None of them talk, though they sometimes make other sounds like laughter and chanting and grunting and especially breathing.

There’s a makeshift shrine of wires, sound equipment, machines, cords in the center of the room. Thirty chairs for the small audience circle the main playing area. The performers spend a lot of time within that circle, but also move around the entire chapel. They stand at the pulpit. They clamber onto the sills of stained glass windows. Sometimes they are still. Some-



Victoria Jaenson, from left, Alisa Nipp and Missy Burmeister perform in “Believe” presented by The Other Voice at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. MEREDITH LONGO/COURTESY

times they act out with ferocity. Burmeister unleashes a wild laugh that becomes a sob, to which the audience naturally responds with nervous laughter of its own.

There’s a choreographed routine with cell phones. Some of the props are purposefully distracting and disorienting, like fresh characters in the show meant to disrupt.

Besides their movements, there are projections of the performers individually doing basic repetitive things like gardening. Other projections are abstract, amoeba-like, which suits “Believe”’s more psychedelic moments.

There are silent vignettes about communication, separation, reflection, anguish, spiritual longing and communion. A whole lot of other actions and emotions are covered as well, all in a mere 35 minutes.

You get to witness an intense yet graceful physical and emotional workout, after which you can reflect upon it without feeling overwhelmed.

We need more work like “Believe” to help us figure out the world, focus our feelings and amuse and entertain us. This warm up-close silent dance/drama finds faith in a church, but also in art.

The Other Voice’s “Believe” runs through Aug. 13 at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Ave., Hartford. Performances are Friday and Saturday at both 7 and 9 p.m. Masks required. Free. theother-voicetheater.com.

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Connecticut to distribute \$30 million to pandemic-affected hospitality businesses

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

The state has allocated \$30 million to give grants to hospitality-industry businesses that have suffered as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, Gov. Ned Lamont announced Monday at a news conference at a restaurant in Norwalk.

Connecticut Hospitality Industry Support Grants, ranging from \$7,500 to \$49,999 depending on the amount of loss and comparison of yearly gross receipts, will go to restaurants, hotels, breweries, wineries, entertainment venues, travel services, transportation services and other businesses, Lamont said at the news conference at El Segundo restaurant.

Checks to eligible businesses will be issued by the Department of Revenue Services this week. The money was issued to the state’s Department of Economic and Community Development as an element of the American Rescue Plan Act, and is part of the recently passed state budget.

“So many locally owned small businesses in the hospitality sector are continuing to recover from the pandemic, and any bit of relief that can be provided will help support them and their workers,” Lamont said.

Alexandra Daum, deputy commissioner of DECD, said the program “is intended to serve as a stabilizing force as our hospitality businesses get back to full operations and customers return to pre-pandemic behaviors.”

According to the DECD, “the funding can only be used for eligible expenses incurred on or after March 3, 2021, and must be used to mitigate financial hardship, such as by supporting payroll and benefits; costs to retain employees; mortgage, rent, utility, and other operating costs; maintenance of existing equipment/facilities; or costs to support COVID-19 mitigation and infection prevention measures.”

The DECD adds, “funding cannot be applied to any expenses that are already covered by any other governmental or private source, including insurance proceeds.”

Scott Dolch, president and CEO of the Connecticut Restaurant Association, said “even as restaurants have worked to recover from the pandemic, they’ve faced new headwinds in the form of inflation, worker shortages, and supply chain disruptions. We’re thankful that the state is taking this step to help local businesses.”

Dolch said that businesses that got federal Restaurant Revitalization Fund grants in 2021 weren’t ineligible for this round of funding. However, in computing need, the DECD added the amount of their RRF grant to their 2021 revenue.

Dolch was pleased that this funding measure included businesses that opened in 2020, 2021 and early 2022.



Valentine Rand and Sean Gegen work at making pies at Tomasso’s Pizza & Subs in Florida. Tomasso’s received about \$2,000 from the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, which is supposed to give extra economic help to restaurants. MICHAEL LAUGHLIN/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL 2021

“Up to now there were no programs for them, no PPP, no RRF. All the grants early on, you had to show the pre-pandemic numbers and they didn’t have them,” Dolch said. “This program ... also targeted the little over 600 businesses that opened during the pandemic. They are going through the same struggles and were unable to get any support.”

Funding sources

Embattled Connecticut restaurateurs were offered a ray of hope in 2021, with the RRF, which offered \$28.6 billion in relief to restaurants nationwide. That hope disappeared for many. A flood of 278,304 applications were submitted, stating need totaling \$72,233,280,031. In the end, just 101,004 of applicants, about 40%, were awarded grants, according to the Small Business Administration, which administered the funding.

In Connecticut, 3,369 Connecticut restaurants applied for RRF grants totaling \$790 million. Of that, only about one-third, 1,303, received funding, totaling \$301,164,069.

Efforts to replenish that fund to give grants to all of the overlooked restaurants failed in the U.S. Senate on May 19. The National Restaurant Association called the failure “a devastating blow to the restaurant industry and small business operators.”

Investigations are continuing since the disbursements of the RRF money. Incidents of fraudulent or ineligible applications have been suspected regarding some applicants, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

“SBA ... prevented over 30,000 suspicious applications from receiving awards. But it flagged 4,000 award recipients for suspected fraud and isn’t taking timely action to address them,” a GAO report from July 14 states.

Catherine Marx, district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration in Connecticut, said “Every day I see cases of fraud that have been adjudicated. So people who defraud the government are definitely getting caught. Right now I’m seeing PPP loans. There is a lot to work through.... Hopefully that money will go to restaurants that did not get the funds.”

That GAO report, quoting data from usaspending.gov, also stated that as of June 2022, there was still \$180 million in the RRF.

“The unobligated funding includes \$24 million set aside for litigation, and the remainder results from realized or anticipated recoveries. SBA data also indicate that about \$56 million came from returned awards. ... SBA officials said some of the recovered funds also came from awards the Department of the Treasury administratively offset and returned to SBA,” stated the report.

Marx said when the Justice Department resolves litigation pertaining to equity issues of the RRF, “the SBA stands ready to distribute the remaining funds.

“There will be money. How many restaurants receive the funds will depend on how the litigation is settled. That can’t be answered yet,” Marx said.

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Major test of first possible Lyme vaccine in 20 years begins

By Lauran Neergaard and Shelby Lum
Associated Press

Researchers are seeking thousands of volunteers in the U.S. and Europe to test the first potential vaccine against Lyme disease in 20 years in hopes of better fighting the tick-borne threat.

Lyme is a growing problem, with cases rising and warming weather helping ticks expand their habitat. While a vaccine for dogs has long been available, the only Lyme vaccine for humans was pulled off the U.S. market in 2002 from lack of demand, leaving people to rely on bug spray and tick checks.

Now Pfizer and French biotech Valneva are aiming to avoid previous pitfalls in developing a new vaccine to protect both adults and kids as young as 5 from the most common Lyme strains on two continents.

“There wasn’t such a recognition, I think, of the severity of Lyme disease” and how many people it affects the last time around, Pfizer vaccine chief Annaliesa Anderson told Associated Press.

Robert Terwilliger, an avid hunter and hiker, was first in line Friday when the study opened in central Pennsylvania. He’s seen lots of friends get Lyme and is tired of wondering if his next tick bite will make him sick.

“It’s always a worry, you know? Especially when you’re sitting in a tree stand hunting and you feel something crawling on you,” said Terwilliger, 60, of Williamsburg, Pennsylvania. “You’ve got to be very, very cautious.”

Exactly how often Lyme disease strikes isn’t clear. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cites insurance records suggesting 476,000 people are treated for Lyme in the U.S. each year. Pfizer’s Anderson put Europe’s yearly infections at about 130,000.

Black-legged ticks, also called deer ticks, carry Lyme-causing bacteria. The infection initially causes fatigue, fever and joint pain. Often — but not always — the first sign is a red, round bull’s-eye rash.

Early antibiotic treatment is crucial, but it can be hard for people to tell if they were bitten by ticks, some as small as a pin. Untreated Lyme can cause severe arthritis and damage the heart and nervous system. Some people have lingering symptoms even after treatment.

Most vaccines against other diseases work after people are exposed to a germ. The Lyme vaccine offers a different strategy — working a step earlier to block a tick bite from transmitting the infection, said Dr. Gary Wormser, a Lyme expert at New York Medical College who isn’t involved with the new research.

How? It targets an “outer surface protein” of the Lyme bacterium called OspA that’s present in the tick’s gut. It’s estimated a tick must feed on someone for about 36 hours before the bacteria spreads to its victim. That delay gives time for antibodies the tick ingests from a vaccinated person’s blood to attack the germs right at the source.

In small, early-stage studies, Pfizer and Valneva reported no safety problems and a good immune response. The newest study will test if the vaccine, called VLA15, really protects and is safe. The companies aim to recruit at least 6,000 people in Lyme-prone areas including the Northeast U.S. plus Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden.

They’ll receive three shots, either the vaccine or a placebo, between now and next spring’s tick season. A year later, they’ll get a single booster dose.

“We’re really looking at something that’s a seasonal vaccine,” Anderson said, so people have high antibody levels during the months when ticks are most active.

Volunteers can be as young as 5 and should be at high risk because they spend a lot of time in tick-infested areas, such as hikers, campers and hunters, said Dr. Alan Kivitz who heads one of the study sites at Altoona Center for Clinical Research in Duncansville, Pennsylvania.

In his own practice, “not a single day goes by that someone either has a concern about Lyme disease, could possibly have Lyme disease,” Kivitz said.

Police identify victim of fatal shooting in Bristol

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Police identified the victim of a fatal shooting on Jefferson Avenue in Bristol on Friday morning.

Leonardo Encarnacion, 27, died after being injured in a shooting near 99 Jefferson Ave. at 3 a.m. on Aug. 5, according to the Bristol Police Department.

Encarnacion was transported to a local hospital for treatment and later died at the hospital, police said.

Police called the shooting an isolated incident and said there did not appear to be a danger to the public.

Police are looking for information on the shooting. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Quinn of the Bristol Police Department at 860-314-4563.

Three adults, two children displaced after house fire in Hartford

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Five people were displaced by a fire at a single-family home on Amherst Street early Tuesday, according to the Hartford Fire Department.

The family was home at the time of the

fire and were able to evacuate without injury, according to District Chief Mario Oquendo Jr. of the Hartford Fire Department. Three adults and two children were displaced, he said.

Firefighters responded around 5:09 a.m. and the fire was extinguished within 16 minutes, according to Oquendo. There was fire and smoke damage throughout the home,

he said.

The city inspector declared the building uninhabitable at this time, according to Oquendo. The family is being assisted by the Special Services Unit and American Red Cross, he said.

The fire is currently under investigation by the Fire Marshal’s office.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Town Meeting will be held in and for the Town of Essex, Connecticut, Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 6:45 pm in the Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue in said Essex.

TO ACT AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of one (1) regular member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

2. To consent and approve a supplemental appropriation to the 2021-2022 Town of Essex Budget in the amount of \$15,000 for the Assessor Revaluation Sinking Fund as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

3. To consent and approve a supplemental appropriation to the 2021-2022 Town of Essex Budget in the amount of \$200,000 for the Bridges/Infrastructure Sinking Fund as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

4. To consent and approve a supplemental appropriation to the 2021-2022 Town of Essex Budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the OPEB Pension as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

5. To consent and approve a supplemental appropriation to the 2021-2022 Town of Essex Budget in the amount of \$50,000 for the Public Works Grounds Maintenance & Repairs as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

6. To consent and approve a supplemental appropriation to the 2021-2022 Town of Essex Budget in the amount of \$165,000 for the Radio Tower Upgrade and New Radios as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

7. To consent and approve a supplemental appropriation to the 2021-2022 Town of Essex Budget in the amount of \$300,000 for Capital for Road Reconstruction, Chip Sealing and Sidewalks as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.

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The new politics of abortion rights in America



Ross Douthat

Others suggested that only the anti-abortion side should be shocked.

Nobody who favored overturning Roe ought to be particularly surprised by the Kansas result. By the margin, maybe — but a Republican state voting to preserve a right to abortion emphasizes what’s always been apparent: With the end of Roe, the pro-life movement now has to adapt to the democratic contest that it sought.

Majorities of Americans favor abortion restrictions that were ruled out under Roe, but only slightly over one-third of the country takes the position that abortion should be largely illegal, a number that shrinks if you remove various exceptions.

That means that millions of Americans who voted for Donald Trump favor a right to a first-trimester abortion — some old-fashioned, country-club Republicans, others secular, working-class voters or anti-woke “Barstool conservatives” who dislike elite progressivism but find reli-

gious conservatism alienating.

In many red as well as purple states, those constituencies hold the balance of power. Even with exceptions, a state probably needs to be either very Republican or very religious for a first-trimester abortion ban to be popular, which basically means the Deep South and Mountain West. That was clear before Roe fell — that outright bans would be the exceptions, and the contest in many states would be over how far restrictions can go.

The Kansas result confirms that assumption. The state has a late-term ban, and the prolix ballot measure didn’t specify an alternative. Would the result have been different if the referendum had proposed restrictions around 12 weeks? I suspect so. Can the anti-abortion movement settle for that kind of goal? Well, that’s the question, with different states supplying different answers.

In purple-ish Georgia, Gov. Brian Kemp signed a law in 2019, which is now taking effect, banning abortion after around six weeks with various exceptions; he looks like he’s on his way to reelection. In reddish Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis, is making his stand for now on a ban after 15 weeks.

On the other hand, Republican guber-

natorial nominees in Pennsylvania and Michigan have a record of taking few-exceptions stances that seem ill-suited to their states.

I suspect liberals are deceiving themselves if they imagine abortion becoming a dominant issue in an environment as economically and geopolitically fraught as this one. But at the margins, there are clear opportunities: If Republicans run on no-exceptions platforms in moderately conservative states or back first-trimester bans in swing states, they will lose some winnable elections.

Serious pro-lifers have always known that if you bring abortion back to the democratic process, you have to deal with public opinion as it actually exists. And the way you change opinion is by proving the incremental version of your ideas workable so that voters trust you more.

That requires addressing immediate anxieties head-on. It is not enough, for instance, for opponents of abortion to react to stories about delayed care for miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies by pointing out that state laws are being misinterpreted. All officialdom in those states should be mobilized to make hospitals fear malpractice suits more than hypothetical anti-abortion prosecution.

And it requires longer-term creativity so that every new protection for the unborn is combined with reassurances that mothers and children alike will be better supported than they are today.

When I make the latter point, I get a reliable liberal retort to the effect that Republicans could have done more for families already and didn’t, so why would that ever change?

But this is the point of bringing democratic pressure to bear. Religious conservatives have pushed Republicans away from libertarian economics in the past — “compassionate conservatism” emerged from evangelicals and Catholics — but so long as abortion was essentially a judicial battle, the link to family policy was indirect.

Now that Republicans have to legislate on abortion, though, there are incentives to make the link explicit — especially in states where socially conservative Democrats, especially Hispanic voters, might join an anti-abortion coalition.

That doesn’t mean it will happen, just that the incentives of democratic politics are how it would happen.

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Did the Dems just save civilization?



Paul Krugman

about to become law.

This is a very big deal. The act isn’t, by itself, enough to avert climate disaster. But it’s a huge step in the right direction, and sets the stage for more action in the years ahead. It will catalyze progress in green technology; its economic benefits will make passing additional legislation easier; it gives the United States the credibility it needs to lead a global effort to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

There are, of course, cynics eager to denigrate the achievement. Some on the left rushed to dismiss the bill as a giveaway to the fossil fuel industry posing as environmental action. More important, Republicans — who unanimously opposed the legislation — are shouting the usual things they shout: Big spending! Inflation!

But actual experts on energy and the environment are giddy over what has been accomplished, and serious economists aren’t worried about the effect on inflation.

Start with the environmental side. Many people I talk to assume that President Joe Biden’s environmental agenda, as contained in his original Build Back Better proposal, must have been greatly watered down in the legislation we actually got. After all, didn’t Democrats have to make big concessions to win over West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin? Aren’t there important giveaways to fossil fuel interests, like aid for a controversial natural gas pipeline?

However, energy analysts believe that any adverse climate effect from these concessions will be swamped by the gains from tax credits for clean energy. The REPEAT Project, compiled by Princeton’s ZERO Lab, has produced a side-by-side comparison of emissions cuts under the Inflation Reduction Act and the earlier House version of Build Back Better. By 2035 the IRA, they estimate, will have delivered more than 90% of the emissions reductions that BBB would have achieved. After all that legislative drama, Biden’s climate policy has emerged essentially intact.

How was this possible? Right at the beginning, the Biden administration decided that its climate policy would be all carrots, no sticks — that it would provide incentives to do the right thing, not penal-



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer celebrates the approval of the Inflation Reduction Act on Sunday. KENT NISHIMURA/LOS ANGELES TIMES

ties for doing the wrong thing. This strategy, it was hoped, would prove politically feasible in a way that, say, a carbon tax wouldn’t. And this hope has been vindicated.

Furthermore, it’s a strategy that seems likely to pay political dividends in the future. One new study, by E. Mark Curtis and Ioana Marinescu, finds that “the growth of renewable energy leads to the creation of relatively high paying jobs, which are more often than not located in areas that stand to lose from a decline in fossil fuel extraction jobs.”

So what did the Biden administration lose? Unfortunately, much of the social spending BBB originally included — child tax credits, universal pre-K and more — was cut. That’s tragic, although enhanced health insurance subsidies — which have helped bring America’s uninsured rate to a record low — have been extended. But Democrats delivered on their climate promises, more or less in full.

What about the critique from the right?

Aside from the pathetic attempt to portray the IRA as a big tax hike on the middle class, Republicans like Utah Sen. Mitt Romney are trying to lump this legislation in with last year’s American Rescue Plan, which they claim caused inflation to spike.

Never mind whether this claim is true. The key thing is to do the math. The Inflation Reduction Act calls for spending less than \$500 billion over a decade, compared with the American Rescue Plan’s \$1.9 trillion in a single year — and will actually reduce the deficit. That’s why independent analysts find that it will have little effect on inflation.

But if the spending isn’t very large, how can it have such a big impact? The answer is that right now we’re sitting on a sort of cusp. Renewable energy technology has made revolutionary progress, and renewables are already cheaper in many areas than fossil fuels. A moderate push from public policy is all that it will take to transition to a much greener economy. And the Inflation Reduction Act will provide that

push.

Given all this, however, why did every single Republican senator vote against the IRA? They aren’t all ignorant and innumerate; I’m pretty sure that Romney, for example, knows that he’s talking nonsense.

Nor can we easily invoke differences in ideology. The IRA’s climate push mostly relies on tax credits — and Republicans have themselves used tax credits to achieve social goals, like the (much abused) Opportunity Zone credits in Donald Trump’s 2017 tax cut.

Almost surely, what we’re really looking at is the politics of spite. Every Republican in the Senate was willing to kill our best chance at avoiding climate disaster, simply to deny the Biden administration a win.

The good news is that the legislation passed in spite of their spite. And the world is a more hopeful place than it was just a few weeks ago.

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Pharmaceutical companies overpromised on antidepressants

By Faye Flam
Bloomberg Opinion

The most popular depression drugs taken by millions don’t work by fixing an “imbalance of the brain’s neurotransmitters,” as many drug advertisements claim or imply. That’s because depression isn’t caused by a chemical imbalance, according to a new analysis published in Molecular Psychiatry. That doesn’t necessarily mean people should stop taking these drugs, known as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). Another new study used clinical data to show they can still help some depressed people.

But getting a clear understanding of how and when these drugs work matters because they are extremely popular. An extensive survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that more than 13% of Americans over 18 reported having taken SSRIs between 2015 and 2018.

The analysis aimed at debunking the chemical imbalance theory was led by Joanna Moncrieff, a psychiatry professor at University College London. She’s been

a longtime skeptic about SSRIs, as she expressed in her book “The Myth of the Chemical Cure.”

Some psychiatrists have responded that the drugs might work some other way. Christopher Davey of the University of Melbourne, writing in the Conversation, pointed out that this so-called serotonin theory is more of an advertising pitch than a scientific paradigm. The only way to know how the drugs might work is to look closely at controlled clinical trials.

The other paper published around the same time, this one in the British Medical Journal, did a deep examination of the clinical data. The author team, headed by scientists at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, combined the results of 232 different trials comparing SSRIs with placebos for patients with depression. This way, they had something equivalent to a giant trial with more than 73,000 patients.

What they found was that the drugs did work better than placebos — but only in about 15% of the patients.

One telling observation is that the placebo effect is enormous. About two-thirds of all the patients in the placebo

arm got better. Those on the drugs were only slightly more likely to improve and the magnitude of their improvement was a little better than those in the placebo arms. The power of the placebo effect could help explain the reason so many patients experience relief from the drugs.

One of the study authors is Irving Kirsch, associate director of the center for placebo studies at Harvard Medical School. He says that there’s a difference between the placebo effect and a placebo response in a specific trial. The placebo effect is a psychological phenomenon in which the perception of being treated makes people feel better. But the placebo response in a drug trial can also include recoveries that happen on their own.

Kirsch said he believes the people in the placebo arm probably got better through a combination of unaided improvement and the placebo effect. Loss of hope is part of depression, and getting a placebo can lift people’s hopes.

The reason the FDA approved SSRI drugs was that clinical trials showed a modest difference between the drugs and placebos. What remained unknown, until

now, was whether this modest benefit showed up because most people getting the drugs got a very small improvement or whether the effect was more substantial but only happened in a small subset of patients.

The new analysis shows it was the latter — the benefits beyond placebo were concentrated in just 15% of patients.

If a patient with depression, it’s reasonable for a doctor to prescribe an antidepressant knowing it’s been helpful in 15% of patients, even if it’s not yet clear how it works. The possibility that the majority of patients are feeling better through an illusion raises big ethical questions.

These new papers show it’s too soon to throw out all the SSRIs, but it’s beyond time to throw out some of the most deceptive drug advertising. The television commercials pushing the chemical imbalance theory should come with an additional warning: The following message was something we made up to sell more of our drugs. We have no idea whether it’s true.

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DiCicco, Bruce



On August 5, 2022, Bruce DiCicco passed away after a brief illness. He was the beloved husband of Jo-Ann Norris. Bruce was born on August 5, 1943 in Cambridge MA. He was the first born of Giordano Bruno and Ruth (Thompson) DiCicco. He lived with his mother and her parents until the return of his father 3 years later from duty in World War II. At age 8, the family moved to West Hartford. Throughout his school years and beyond, he loved playing all kind of sports and approached them with a competitive spirit. He liked Softball, Flag Football, Handball, Volleyball and Racquetball, but he loved Golf. He enjoyed playing, but he also enjoyed helping others when they were having difficulty and he was thrilled when their game improved. He was a particularly great chipper and putter. Bruce never lost sight of the importance of a good education. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from UCONN and he was proud that he was able to pay for it through many summer jobs. He went on to do graduate work at Trinity College in Physics. He started his career at Chandler Evans (Triumph) in West Hartford in the Aerospace Industry. He retired from there after 39 years of service. He worked on a variety of control systems for aircraft, helicopters, missiles and guided bombs and projectiles. He also enjoyed some quiet activities. He was an avid reader, crossword puzzle solver and a gardener. He loved to putter around outside and feel the warmth of the sun. Bruce enjoyed watching his Red Sox, the NY Giants and UCONN Basketball, in particular the Women's team. He attended quite of few of their Final Four games around the country. Travel was another of Bruce's passions that he shared with Jo-Ann. They traveled all across the United States and Canada. It was usually a combination of golf and National Parks. He so enjoyed history and natural wonders always trying to satisfy his thirst for knowledge. Bruce had a magnetic personality. People enjoyed being in his company. He loved gatherings of family and friends. Most of all, he liked parties. He was always the first to arrive and lend a hand to set up the event and the last to leave. Of course, he was always ready to tell a humorous story...for which he was famous. His absence will certainly be felt. Bruce is survived by his love of his life, Jo-Ann Norris. He is also survived by his children, Christine (Andy) Krall of Colorado and grandchildren, David and Taryn Krall and his son, Brian DiCicco of West Hartford; his sister, Carol (Alan) Chapin of Milford; nephews, Jeff (Elisa) DiCicco and Joe DiCicco of West Hartford; his niece, Sandy (Marc) Potyrala of Cheshire and nephew, Greg (Heather) Chapin of Milford; nephews, Craig (Kathy) Norris of PA and Joe (Andrea) Norris of Ottawa Canada and niece, Beth (Bud) Randa of NY, along with several great nieces and great nephews. Bruce has a few special friends that played an important role in his life, Vinny and Brian McCain of Plainville and Pat and Mike Phillips of Scottsdale, AZ. They will all surely miss him dearly. Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Giordano Bruno and Ruth DiCicco; his brother, Richard DiCicco; in-laws, Joseph and Estelle Norris, Tony Norris and Charlie (Jeanne) Norris. The family would like to thank UCONN Health Doctors, Nurses and Staff for combining their expertise for the best possible care for Bruce. A special Thank You to the Hartford Hospital Emergency Room Trauma Team for the compassion they demonstrated to Bruce and his family at a difficult time. Please come and celebrate a wonderful life story on Friday, August 12 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. Casual dress and Golf Shirts are encouraged. Sharing a Bruce story with would be a fabulous way to honor his memory. In lieu of flowers, feel free to donate to his favorite charities: The Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To share a memory of Bruce with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Hassett, Jean



Jean Hassett, 91, of Manchester, passed away at her home on August, 5 2022 after a long and full life, surrounded by her family.

Jean was born on December 2, 1930 in Manchester, CT and graduated from Manchester High School in 1949. In 1947, she met her husband Richard, and they wed in 1950, going on to have 3 sons.

Jean was predeceased by her mother Alice Lowell, brother Donald Cordern, and son Stephen Hassett. She is survived by her loving husband of 72 years Richard, her sons David and Kurt (Linda), granddaughters Liz (Mike), Stephanie (Jeff), and Katherine, great-grandchildren Emma, Owen, Ben, and Andrew, and relatives Pat, Debbie, Dale, special friends Ken, Donna, and Deb, and extended family in Rochester, NY.

Burial will be private. Friends and family may join in a celebration of life on August 13 at noon at Manchester Country Club.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

As her husband would say, thank you for another wonderful day, I love you.

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Kelly, Sr. Mary (Sr. Marie John)



WEST HARTFORD- Sister Mary Kelly (Sister Marie John), a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, West Hartford, CT died at St. Francis Hospital on August 6, 2022 after a short illness. Born in Hartford, CT on August 2, 1933 of the late William Joseph Kelly and Agnes Marie O'Brien Kelly, Sister Mary entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 1, 1951 and celebrated her Profession of Vows on August 24, 1958. At the time of her death, Sister Mary was 89 years of age and in her 71st year of Religious Life. Sister Mary earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from the Diocesan Sisters College, West Hartford, CT, a Masters Degree in Education and Reading from Boston College and Intermediate Administration Certification from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. After teaching at St. Lawrence School, West Haven, CT and St. John School, Deep River, CT, Sister Mary assumed the position of Principal at Our Lady of Sorrows School, Hartford, CT. Following this ministry, she became the Reading Supervisor for the Archdiocese of Hartford Schools, traveling from school to school encouraging and assisting teachers to develop their skills in teaching reading to all students. Adept in leadership and always gracious and gentle in interpersonal exchange, Sister Mary then assumed the position of principal at Sacred Heart Academy, Stamford, CT where, for fourteen years, she guided the teachers in providing the best education for the girls who, upon graduation, would become the future leaders of communities, states and the nation. Sister Mary, upon being elected to the Leadership Team of the Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph, served as Provincial Councilor and then as Provincial. After completion of the ministry of leadership, Sister Mary was asked by the then Archbishop of Hartford, Daniel A. Cronin, to assume the ministries of Director of the Office for Religious. She also served as the Director of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program and Coordinator for Victim Assistance. During the years she served in these capacities, Sister Mary's deep faith and respectful listening, and her discerning and positive approach, allowed her to be both compassionate and strong. In her professional career, Sister Mary Kelly served as a Board Member on a number of institutions in Connecticut: St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, CT; St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT; Sacred Heart Academy, Stamford, CT; St. Agnes Home, West Hartford, CT; and House of Bread, Hartford, CT. Due to the diminishment of her health, Sister Mary graciously accepted retirement from her many ministries. In her gentle manner, Sister continued to exude a loving presence towards all whom she met. This welcoming spirit of Sister Mary sincerely reflected the charism of hospitality so imbued in the heart of a Sister of St. Joseph. Sister Mary's quiet demeanor, her loving and kind heart and beautiful smile will be remembered and missed by all her Sisters, family and friends. In addition to her Sisters in Community, Sister Mary is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, William Kelly, Jr and Mary Lew, and many nephews and nieces. Sister Mary treasured her family and loved being an active part of their lives. Her family, in turn, were very attentive to Sister Mary in visiting her and including her in their celebrations and family gatherings. Sister is predeceased by her brother, John, and her sister, Cornelia (Connie) Toohey. Sister Mary Kelly's Funeral Mass and Wake will be held on Friday, August 12th at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford. The wake will begin at 9:30 a.m., the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., followed by the burial at the Sisters of St. Joseph Cemetery on Ringgold Street in West Hartford. If unvaccinated, please wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider a memorial donation to the Sisters of St. Joseph, c/o Office of Mission Advancement, 650 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. Fisetete-Batzner Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington, has care of the arrangements.



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Schultheis, Walter Thorne



Walter Thorne Schultheis, age 95, passed away August 5, 2022, surrounded by loved ones at his residence in the StoneRidge community in Mystic, CT. Walter led a remarkable and fulfilling life, notable for his love of nature, travel, family, and most of all his dear wife Sydney. He was a pillar of his community throughout his life, dedicated to civic service and his church, whether it be at StoneRidge, during family life in Manchester, CT and Waitsfield, VT, or at his beloved beach residence in Charlestown, RI. Born an only child in Albany, NY in 1926, Walter graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1944 and entered Naval Officer Training at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Walter was a member of Theta Xi Fraternity, the track team and graduated in 1947 with an electrical engineering degree. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as Ensign U.S.N. and was assigned to the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea. During his time aboard, he developed a lasting love for the sea and a thirst for adventure and international travel. In July 1950, he began a distinguished career in the electric power industry, working for Connecticut Light & Power Company and its successors in many roles, culminating in Vice President for Northeast Utilities until his retirement in 1991. Walter met Sydney Ann Weaver on a beach in Quoque, Long Island and married in 1951. They lived an active life in Manchester, CT, raising three boys, playing tennis, skiing in Vermont and spending summers in Rhode Island. While in Manchester, Walter served as President of the Lutz Junior Museum, spearheading the construction a new education building in the Nature Center. In 1999, Walter and Sydney retired to Waitsfield, VT, enjoying cross country skiing, hiking, and snowshoeing and serving active roles in the Mad River Valley Rotary Club and St. Dunston's Episcopal church. They travelled the world, and enjoyed time sailing on their sloop, aptly named "Sydney II." Summers in "Quonnie" were a central part of their life and that tradition continues to this day. Walter's generosity and legacy as a role model centered around the beloved family home there, where his children and grandchildren follow his lead with their love of tennis, water sports and creative participation in the July 4th parade. Walter is survived by his three sons, Peter of Lyme, CT; Alexander of Providence, RI and Douglas of South Kingstown, RI; their spouses/ partners, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Sydney, who passed away in 2016 from Alzheimer's disease. A service for Walter will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mystic on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 1:30 pm, followed by a celebration of life 3:30 at StoneRidge. Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Lisee, Cassandra L.



Cassandra "Cassie" L. Lisee, 73, of Lebanon, CT passed away, surrounded by her family, on August 8, 2022. She was born in Dexter, ME, the daughter of the late Joseph and Jane (Green) Garland.

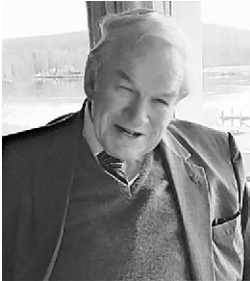
She loved to garden and tend to her flowers. Cassie enjoyed entertaining, cooking and baking, especially making Christmas cookies with her grandchildren. She loved to travel and go to the beach. One of her favorite past times was to play card games, which was a staple at holidays and gatherings. Her grandchildren were the light of her life, along with her puppies that she spoiled just the same.

She is survived by her husband of over 53 years, Elie Lisee; children Jeff, Chris and his wife Kelly; grandchildren Adam and Zoe Lisee and Sarah Coppeans; sister Geri Dalton; and brother Joe Garland and his wife; as well as other extended family. Cassie was predeceased by her brother Stephen Garland and brother-in-law Robert "Red" Dalton.

Her family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. Willimantic with her funeral service following on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 10:00am. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

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Shepard, Bruce C.



Bruce C. Shepard, of East Hampton, passed away on July 3, 2022, on what would have been his 68th wedding anniversary, after a long illness. He was 94. Bruce, the son of the late Harold B. and Gladys B. Shepard of Wethersfield, was a husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Bruce's wife, Barbara P. Shepard of Waterford, predeceased him in 2012. He is survived by his children, B. Scott Shepard and his family, of Ellington, CT, his son Ethan L. Shepard and his family of Rye, NH, and his daughter and caregiver, Elizabeth P. Shepard of East Hampton. He is also survived by his sisters, Merle Salling and her children of Middle Haddam, and Gail Kuzmak and her family of Glastonbury; 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 7 nieces and nephews and their children as well. Bruce enjoyed spending time with his family, and holiday gatherings at the Shepard home or that of his sisters was a frequent occurrence. He loved boating and fishing, annually attending the Connecticut Jazz Festival, the New Hampshire Highland Games and the Eastern States Exposition with his kids. He was an avid American history buff and took his children throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic to visit historic sites and museums every summer. Bruce was a devoted UCONN football and basketball fan, as well as the New York Yankees and Giants and never missed a game on television. Bruce graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science, from which he went on to accomplish a master's degree in Education in 1956. He served the State of Connecticut with distinction for more than 40 years as an educator, with roles as teacher, Principal, and Superintendent of Schools for the towns of New Hartford, Essex, Haddam, Ellington and Windham. After retiring from Windham in 1990, Bruce went back to his roots and took on the role of assisting inmates in pursuit of General Educational Development (GED) certificates. Bruce did this for several years, traveling around the state to institutions to help those in need. Professionally, Bruce was an active member of Phi Delta Kappa throughout his career. He also contributed to the Connecticut Association of School Administrators (CASA) and was a member of Rotary International since 1956. Bruce was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary, and held offices in club chapters including Essex, Ellington & most recently, East Hampton. Bruce is remembered by his fellow Rotarians for his consistently positive comradery, his hard work as a leader and member of the Scholarship Committee for many years and involvement in charitable fundraising. Bruce will always be remembered by his loving family as our beloved patriarch, for his genuine kindness and concern for others, his quiet and unassuming demeanor and his ever-present good nature. He will live on in our hearts and memories forever. A public memorial service will be held at Noon on Thursday the 18th of August, at the Fellowship Community Church, at 24 South Road, Marlborough, CT. A private family interment will take place the following day. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be considered, either to the Middlesex Hospital Hospice (<https://middlesexhealth.org/donate/fundraising-events/hospice-geimer's-olf-tournament/36th-annual-hospice-golf-tournament-donations>) to support their wonderful programs, or to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (<https://alzfdn.org/support-us/donate/>) to help combat the devastating effects of dementia. Or to the Rotary Club of East Hampton P.O. Box 358 East Hampton, CT 06424. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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York, Dorothy M.



Dorothy M. York, 93, of Enfield, passed away on August 7, 2022 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Born in Cranston, RI on October 10, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Mary Elizabeth (Chapard) Allen and grew up in Rhode Island, moving to Enfield in 1976. She was married to Bonney York on

February 5, 1954 for 30 years until his passing in 1984. Dorothy worked as a Key Punch Operator in the Insurance industry before marrying Bonney and staying home to raise her family. She was an avid Artist and loved painting lighthouses on rocks she found at the beach. She enjoyed her trips to the beach with her beloved son, Stephen, going to dinner especially to eat at Abbott's Lobster in the Rough in Noank, CT watching the boats go by.

Besides her husband Bonney, she was predeceased by 2 children, Sandra York and Stephen York. She leaves 2 children, Laurie Dennehy and her husband Thomas of Enfield and Kenneth York of Suffield; and 4 grandchildren, Kasey and Kyle Dennehy and Jonathan and Aimee York; and many extended family members.

Her family will receive friends on Thursday, August 11, from 4-7 PM at Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St. Windsor Locks. Her funeral will take place on Friday, August 12, 10 AM from the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM at Sacred Heart Church, Wethersfield. Burial will follow in Village Cemetery, Wethersfield. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Dr, Wallingford, CT 06492. For online condolences, please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com.

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Bukowski, Robert



Robert "Bob" Bukowski 66, of East Berlin beloved husband of Laura Bukowski (Michalski) passed away on August 2nd after a short illness. Born in Hartford CT on June 28, 1956 son of Marianne Bukowski and the late Robert D. Bukowski. Bob was raised in Plainville, and was employed by the City of Waterbury Police Department in the vehicle maintenance department for the past 16 years, before that he was employed by Teddys Garage in Waterbury.

Bob enjoyed camping and attending the races at Stafford Motor Speedway and Waterford Speedbowl and loved animals.

In addition to his wife he is survived by his mother Marianne Bukowski and her partner Roger Mahannah of Ormond Beach, FL, his brother Allen Bukowski and wife Debbie from Daytona Beach, FL, a sister in law Sharon Benoit and husband Noel, two nieces Rachel Ryznic Matteson and her husband Guy, and Raquel Benoit all of Berlin, and many cousins, aunts, and uncles. He also leaves his beloved K9 companions Toby-Cody-Colton.

Friends and Family are invited to attend a Memorial Service on August 14, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Berlin Memorial Funeral Home, 96 Main Street, Kensington, CT 06037. Burial will be private.

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Chamberlain, Barbara J. (Schmidt)



Barbara J. (Schmidt) Chamberlain, formerly Barbara O'Kane, 91, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, August 8, 2022 in St. Petersburg, FL. Born in Hartford, CT on July 26, 1931 and grew up in Hartford, CT, graduating from Mt. St. Joseph High School, class of 1949. She married Donald O'Kane in 1950 and they moved to Windsor Locks in 1955. Barbara was a long-time communicant of St. Mary and St. Robert Bellarmine Church. She married Bernard Chamberlain in 1986 and they enjoyed 26 years of marriage until his passing in 2012. In her younger years, Barbara enjoyed spending summers in Niantic, CT with her children and best friend and cousin Vera. She loved her soap operas, Italian cookies, homecooked meals with her family, and attending her grandchildren's school events. In her later years she and Bernard enjoyed camping all over New England.

Besides her husband Bernard, she was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey O'Kane. She leaves her 2 children, Brian O'Kane and Denise of Windsor Locks, CT, and Cheryl O'Kane-Rawson and husband Ralph of St. Petersburg, FL; and 3 grandchildren, Patrick O'Kane and fiancé Benjamin Foran, Regina O'Kane, and Kevin O'Kane, wife Ashley and daughter Mia.

Her family will receive friends on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 8:30-9:30 AM at Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St. Windsor Locks. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Church, Windsor Locks. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

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Maddox, Dennis T



Dennis Tove Maddox of Manchester, Connecticut (retired) 76 years old passed away, Wednesday July 13, 2022, peacefully at home. Dennis was born in Hartford, Connecticut on August 21, 1945. Dennis' family will celebrate his life at 12pm, Friday, August 12, 2022, at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 11am-12pm. A private family repast will follow. Family request a private burial. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For the complete obituary and online condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Prentiss, Samuel



Samuel L. Prentiss, 76, of Stafford Springs, CT, passed away on Monday, August 8, 2022. He was born in Rockville, CT, son of the late Milton and Evelyn (Furness) Prentiss. Sam served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. His passion in life was his work. Sam worked hard every day and was a carpenter by trade. He is survived by his four children, Sandie Prentiss, Kellie Flint and her husband Glen, Sam Prentiss, Jr., and Mike Prentiss and his wife Jen; 10 grandchildren, Kaylee, Amanda, Ashley, Madison, Abby, Courtney, Faith, Cecelia, Sammy, and Terrell; three great grandchildren; five brothers, Howard, Milt, Billy, Albert, and Barry; three sisters, Virginia, Patty, and Nona; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his grandson, Alex; two brothers, Jim and Charlie; and sister, Georgiana. Funeral services will be held privately. Memorial donations may be made to Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, Hospice Program, 8 Keynote Dr., Vernon, CT 06066. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



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Formica, Helen



Helen J. "Pinky" (Staniszewski) Formica, aged 83, of South Glastonbury passed away suddenly but peacefully, on Tuesday, August 2. She was born in Meriden and spent her grade school years living on Olive Street, where she made lifelong friends. While in high school, she helped by swinging a hammer as her father, Walter Staniszewski and mother, Helen Staniszewski, built a home on Paddock Avenue in Meriden, where her parents lived and held countless family gatherings until their respective passings in 1989 and 2005. Helen attended St. Stanislaus School for grade school, graduating from Meriden High School in 1957. She then attended Becker Junior College (later Becker College) in Worcester, MA, where she met the love of her life, Joseph (Joe) Formica, on a blind date. Their meeting, as it's said, was history, and they were married in January of 1961. Joe survives her. They raised two daughters, Marcia Formica, now of South Glastonbury, and Pamela Formica, now of Burlington, Vermont. They also survive her, along with their respective spouses, Timothy Fieweger and Victor Arballo, Marcia and Tim's two sons, James and Owen, and Pamela's and Victor's step-daughter/daughter, Eve Moeykens-Arballo.

Also surviving Helen are many wonderful and loving cousins with whom she had been delighted to have reconnected through family reunions in recent years. She loved the outdoors, fishing, and gardening. She was an adventurous cook, and the first mom her children knew to buy one of the earliest microwave ovens when the family lived in North Carolina in the early 1970s, even taking a special class in microwave cooking, coming out of it with a mean recipe for pineapple upside-down cake. She routinely bought live Maine lobsters, fearlessly preparing them in her and Joe's favorite way: split, baked and stuffed. She did the "splitting" of the lobsters herself ("so they wouldn't suffer" in boiling water), a skill neither of her daughters ever managed to master. She was highly creative, also taking art lessons and advanced sewing classes, the latter of which augmented her already strong abilities as a seamstress. As a result, as young children, Marcia and Pamela often had the most inventive Halloween costumes in the neighborhood, and they invariably sported matching dresses for holidays. Helen's crowning achievement as a seamstress was an elaborate antebellum-style pink taffeta gown, complete with pickups, for Pamela's high school senior prom. Helen was an animal lover and previous pet-owner, more recently taking special joy watching birds of all kinds, especially the hummingbirds at her feeders and planters.

A memorial service will be held at Meriden Memorial Funeral Home, 450 Broad Street, Meriden on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 12 p.m. Calling hours will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by the service at noon. For online condolences visit: www.meridenmemorialfh.com In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society (<https://cthumane.org>, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111).

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Gillen, Ione M.



Ione Mary Gillen (Vanden Heuvel); 96, of Suffield, passed away on August 8, 2022. She was born on June 2, 1926 in Little Chute Wisconsin, daughter of Sylvester Vanden Heuvel and Frances (Vander Bloemen) Vanden Heuvel. She is predeceased by her beloved husband Paul Francis Gillen. Ione is survived by her five children Mary Frances (Gillen) Berstene and her husband Michael, Stephen Peter Gillen and his wife Karen Sue, Christopher Mark Gillen and his wife Joanne, Anne Marie (Gillen) Hansen and her husband Steven, John William Gillen and his wife Susan. Also her eight grandchildren Elizabeth (Berstene) Gallagher, Kathryn Berstene, Matthew Gillen, Andrew Gillen, Rebecca Hansen, Erik Hansen, Amy (Gillen) Sieber, Melissa (Gillen) Billy and five great grandchildren. Ione was an active member of Sacred Heart Church in Suffield and active in the Suffield Garden and Suffield Historical Society.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Saint Bernard Church in Rockville. Burial will be in St Bernard Cemetery, Rockville. Donations in Ione's memory may be made to Alzheimer Research or Blessed Sacrament Parish, 25 St. Bernard Terrace, Vernon CT. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Jacobson, Vincent



Vincent A. Jacobson, 90, of East Hampton, beloved husband of Margaret (Walker) Jacobson, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, Aug. 7th. Born March 29, 1932, in Middletown, he was a lifelong resident of East Hampton and the son of the late Arthur E. and Helen (Duhamel) Jacobson. Vincent worked as a Toolmaker for J.C. Barton and Bevin Bell until his retirement. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force as a Gunner on a B-29 Bomber during the Korean War. Vincent was a Life Member of the East Hampton American Legion and had been active in Boy Scouts and Little League and had served on the Zoning Board of Appeals in East Hampton. He was predeceased by his first wife Jean King Kiefer Jacobson. He leaves his wife Margaret, his three sons Vincent Jacobson Jr. and wife Susan of Wallingford, Richard Jacobson and wife Margaret Ryan of Hebron, Ronald Jacobson of Fort Collins, CO, two stepdaughters Melissa Ziobron and husband Scott of East Haddam, Rebecca Hoy of VA, grandchildren Eric, Robby, Kelly, and Sarah Jacobson, Brittany and Brian Ziobron. He was predeceased by his siblings John and Arthur Jacobson, Marjorie Jerin, Claire VanVerdeghen and Nancy Caffyn. Funeral Service will be held Monday August 15th at 11AM in the Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St East Hampton. Burial will follow in the family plot in Lake View Cemetery with Military Honors. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 10AM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Protectors of Animals at www.poainc.org. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Milner Jr., Mack

Mack K. Milner Jr. Went to be with the lord on July 21, 2022. Service will be held on Friday August 12, 2022. From 2pm-4pm It will be held at Howard K. Hill Funeral Home 94 Granby street Bloomfield, CT 06002.

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Cyr, Edward J.



Edward John Cyr, 56, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT, New Britain. Born in New Bern, NC on July 22, 1966, he was the son of the late Joseph Lentz and Constance Cyr. He graduated from New Britain High School. Eddie enjoyed fishing and traveling with friends and family. Edward is survived by his brothers, Joseph and his wife, Chaundra Cyr of Tulsa, OK, and James Lentz of Iowa. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. He was predeceased by his son, Edward John Cyr, Jr. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Meriden Antique Veteran's Honor Guard at the Max E. Muravnick Meriden Senior Center, 22 West Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. All services are private. Arrangements are under the direction of the John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, 88 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450. For online condolences, please visit jferryfh.com.



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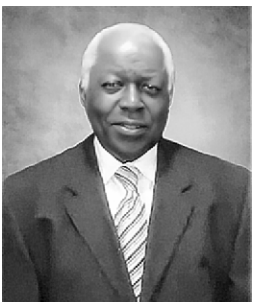
Magoon, James A.



A Celebration of Life for James "Jim" Magoon, of Cromwell, who passed away on January 16, 2022, will be held at First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street, Cromwell on Sunday, August 14th at 11:30am. A luncheon will immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory may be made to First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street, Cromwell, CT 06416. Jim is survived by his loving wife, Pamela (Horsey) Magoon, his father Russell, his brother Paul and his wife Sandie; his sister Linda Singer and a sister-in-law Ellen Reinhard and her husband Dan as well as many nieces and nephews. Cromwell Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Savage, Thomas L.



Thomas Lee Savage, 77, of Bloomfield, CT transitioned on Sunday, July 31, 2022. He retired from Pratt Whitney after 40 years of service.

A celebration of Mr. Thomas's life will be on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 10:00am with a calling hour from 9:00am - 10:00am at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services). Interment with military honors will take place at CT. State Veterans Cemetery. To leave a message of comfort for the Savage family and view the full obituary please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

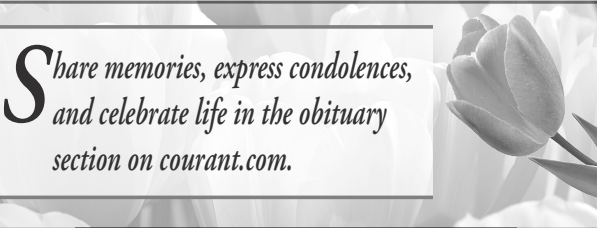


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‘You cannot die now’

His dog’s death taught him spiritual detachment. Then his sister got sick.

By Steven Petrow
The New York Times

Shortly after my parents died in 2017, I nearly lost custody of my dog, Zoe, in my divorce. When we were reunited, I remember telling her firmly, “You cannot die now,” even though she had just turned 15.

Not long after, the vet told me that new lab work indicated kidney failure.

I was quite glad then that Zoe couldn’t talk, at least not in the traditional sense. We had no painful discussions about quality-of-life issues or end-of-life concerns.

I approached her final chapter with intention and indulgence, which is to say I followed her lead. I fed her whatever and whenever she wanted. I let her decide whether we would go for short walks or longer ones. Before I went to bed, I made sure Zoe had settled into hers.

Even as I prepared to lose her, I found myself exulting in our days together. When she died, I consoled myself with the thought that she was never mine to begin with; I was lucky to have known her; we only have anyone we love for a short time.

As it turns out, it’s much easier to practice spiritual detachment from a Jack Russell terrier who is gone than from my younger sister, Julie, who is here, and called later that same year to tell me she had ovarian cancer.

It was Stage 4, she said, as bad as it gets. Julie was 55, a lawyer and executive, a wife, and the mother of two daughters, 17 and 21. People with her diagnosis are only 31% as likely as those without cancer

to live an additional five years. A surgeon explained that the median life expectancy for someone with her diagnosis was about five years. Meaning, half of patients live less than five years, half more.

Five years. Just five years — maybe — left with my co-conspirator, my true other half. Julie is the baby of our family, five years younger than me and three years younger than our brother, Jay. The three of us are best friends, closer still since Julie got sick, but she and I have our own history.

When I had my own bout with cancer in my 20s, she walked laps through the halls of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center with me and promised that the chemo hair loss would not keep me from finding a boyfriend. I was there when she met her wife and when they welcomed their daughters.

When my husband left me five years ago, Julie flew from New York to North Carolina to help me through those first scary days. She kept our favorite old TV shows on, knowing it would make me feel safe and like a kid again, while she scrutinized my investment accounts line by line so she could announce, after too many episodes of “Bewitched,” that I was financially OK.

She started treatment immediately and gradually entered what many cancer patients call “the loop” — periods of treatment, remission and recurrence that then start all over again. It was terrible and manageable.

In the meantime, as with Zoe, I focused on indulgence and intention. Our family rented a beach house in Rhode Island, a shingled cottage reminiscent of the house where we had spent childhood

summers. I traveled from North Carolina. Julie and her family came from New Jersey, and Jay hauled his from Connecticut. After the vacation, which included competitive canoeing, daily cook-offs and a raucous game of Hearts in which Julie was definitely eyeing Jay’s cards, Julie sent an email to the adults. “I sat at the house one night with you all there and imagined the scene with me just faded from the landscape,” she began.

“It was actually a comforting feeling knowing that I either was going to stay a part of this scene for real or be remembered in stolen thoughts and pangs of sweet remembrance and ribbing (hopefully)! Like, if Julie was here she would be ‘shooting the moon’ (ha!).

From time to time I feel as though I’m living between the immortal and real worlds. It definitely lets me enjoy the moments with my favorite people (like you all) on weeks such as this one! And the longer away from the last or next CT scan the better!”

Looking back, I recognize the gift in that email: She was giving us directions, almost a script, for how to go on without her. In the moment, though, I volleyed back a reassuring response: She was always on our minds wherever she was!

Then, after four years, the loop no longer held her. A clinical trial last October offered hope, only to dash it within eight weeks. A new chemo regimen held out the possibility of remission, which didn’t happen. Julie and I planned a trip to Australia and New Zealand for this fall, the five-year mark, but I didn’t count on it.

Julie, always a kiddier, began to

joke about dying, here and there, seeming to invite a set of conversations I did not want to have. It had not been five years yet. I was not ready.

But I had learned during my mother’s bout with lung cancer to follow up on such openings. I remember once Mom asked, “Will it be painful to die?” and I replied, “What would you like for dinner tonight, Mom?”

With Julie, I wanted to do better, so I followed her lead. She, Jay and I began to have a series of talks about finances, medical decisions and what “the end” might be like. She was focused and calm. I hated every minute. But what I really hated was the virulent cancer.

Julie just turned 60, and even beyond the loop, she is very much alive. She is cycling on Long Island with her best friend, still planning trips to locales domestic and foreign, researching a Hail Mary clinical trial.

This past May the entire family spent a week at Nags Head, North Carolina, trapped in a creaky old house, while a nor’easter swirled around us. We cooked. We played card games. No one cheated! (Not even Julie.)

But her blood work looks increasingly ominous, she naps more, and we are not going to Australia and New Zealand this fall. Instead, I visit as often as I can, to make as many memories as possible.

As year four becomes year five, I am preparing, finally, to lose Julie, while exulting in our days together.

Some nights, as she shuffles the cards, I want to grab her hand and say, “You cannot die now.”

But I know better.

EX-ETIQUETTE

Planning is the key to your success in co-parenting

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q: My ex’s partner just moved in with my ex. She’s not why we broke up, but they are just so happy it makes me cringe. We share custody of our 6-year-old son. I don’t want her disciplining my son! What’s good ex-etiquette?

A: You can guess this is a pretty common problem. Everyone gets very territorial when it comes to their children, and that’s understandable. But the reality is, most people who break up are going to find someone new. They will most likely marry or move in together, and that means the new

person is part of your child’s life. Based on that, few anticipate the amount of preparation needed to successfully pull this off.

Most don’t realize the stresses going back and forth puts on their children, and how vital planning is so our children can relax and feel safe in both homes.

The planning starts well before parents find someone new by cultivating a mindset of acceptance. It starts with accepting that life as a couple is over, but working together for the sake of your child is not. The main thing to remember is your child lives with all of you. What can you do to make your child’s life easier?

Many suggest that the parents’

homes remain completely separate — don’t get into each other’s business. From a relationship stance, that is sound advice. They are a couple now. However, your part is to make it clear you are available to discuss problems and find solutions together.

Whether a bonus parent should discipline is an important question, and there is no definitive yes or no answer. Some situations dictate yes, others no. I can say without hesitation that problems set in if the bonus parent is allowed to establish disciplinary protocol for children who are not theirs. Discipline always starts with the parents. The bonus parent follows the parents’ lead.



DREAMSTIME



As of October 2020, 30 states and Washington, D.C., required public schools to teach some form of sex education, data shows. 10ICATS/GETTY

Comprehensive sex ed needed in schools



Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

With abortion banned or severely limited in a growing number of states, we'd be wise to zero in on evidence-based strategies for preventing unwanted pregnancies — particularly among teenagers, for whom childbirth and parenthood can present extreme physical, emotional and financial challenges.

Unfortunately, one of the most time-tested, successful pregnancy prevention strategies — comprehensive sex education — remains frustratingly controversial in the United States.

In Indiana, which is moving to ban abortion at all stages of a pregnancy, lawmakers just rejected an amendment that would have broadened sex education in schools to include information about contraceptives, in addition to teaching students about abstinence.

Pardon the metaphor, but abstinence-only sex ed seems about as useful as a driver's ed instructor who just tells the students not to touch anything — and then warns

them not to crash.

Around roughly 40% of teens report having sexual intercourse, according to Centers for Disease Control data. I suppose we can keep pretending not to notice, but then we can also get used to having the highest teen birth rate in the industrialized world.

Or we could ramp up our sex ed offerings.

As of October 2020, 30 states and Washington, D.C., required public schools to teach some form of sex education, according to National Conference of State Legislatures data.

Now would be a great time to make that 50 — and to mandate that it be comprehensive, meaning it includes scientifically accurate information about human development, anatomy and reproductive health, as well as information about contraception, childbirth and sexually transmitted infections. (That's the United Nations Population Fund's definition.)

Comprehensive sex education has been repeatedly linked to fewer teen pregnancies, lower rates of sexually transmitted infections and delayed initiation of sexual activity.

Earlier this year, researchers from New York University published a study that looked at teen pregnancy rates over a 20-year period, from 1996 to 2016.

They found, not surprisingly,

that federal funding for comprehensive sex education led to an overall reduction in the teen birth rate.

Countries where comprehensive sex education is standard — Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands — have significantly lower teen birth rates than the United States, despite data showing that teenagers in those nations have their first sexual encounters, on average, at roughly the same age as American teenagers.

So if we're not focusing on what works, what are we focusing on?

Bonnie J. Rough writes brilliantly on this topic in "Beyond Birds and Bees: Bringing Home a New Message to Our Kids about Sex, Love, and Equality," her book about living with her family temporarily in the Netherlands and learning to examine everything she'd been taught (or not) about sex.

"Not every society treats bodies as shameful and sex as offensive," Rough writes. "I saw that many of my international friends were raising kids far more likely to have optimal sexual health and self-esteem, better sex lives and more advantages of gender equality than their average American peers. I'd gone to see how they accomplished this, and most of all, while my kids were still little, to find out if I could reinvent

my own philosophy about sex, clarify my guiding principles and discover approaches more practical and more effective than the old-fashioned birds-and-bees checklist."

In the United States, Rough writes, we've co-mingled sexual awareness with a loss of innocence — and therefore something to be avoided.

"Sex education over the past half century has gained a sinister reputation," she writes. "It is nothing less than the elimination of childhood, an irreversible darkening of the soul. If a child who learns about sex can no longer be called a child, of course we'll want to guard them from that knowledge."

But that's a peculiarly American hang-up, she learned, from her time living in the Netherlands and the five years she spent researching sex education after she returned to the United States.

After living in the Netherlands, she writes, she stopped viewing sex ed as a safety net or a backup plan and started viewing it as a unique opportunity.

"A school sits squarely on the front lines when it comes to equipping children for healthy, happy, secure futures with body autonomy and balanced relationships," Rough writes.

And she stopped living in fear of teen sex.

"I no longer fixate on the question of how long my children will wait before their first sexual experiences," Rough writes. "Instead I think it's more important to consider how positive, healthy and gainful those first experiences can be."

That means, she writes, talking to her daughters about birth control, the risks of intoxicated sex, pornography and other leave-your-comfort-zone topics.

"Knowing what I didn't want had been easy all along," Rough writes, "But now I knew what I did want for my children in their sexual lives. In their bodies, I wanted them to have health, safety and reproductive control, of course, but also sovereignty, confidence, desire and pleasure. In their relationships, I wanted them to enjoy harmony, affection, trust, equality and authentic love. In their wider lives as adults, I hoped they would know their full worth, meet their deepest potential and contribute to society in ways that would fulfill them."

Now would be a great time to use that as our North Star.

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Older generations reclaim rites of passage

Some find ways to honor momentous events later in life

By Paula Span
The New York Times

Harry Oxman's bar mitzvah at the Society Hill Synagogue in Philadelphia looked much like the traditional Saturday morning event.

He recited the customary prayers before and after the Torah reading. He discussed the meaning of the day's Torah portion. He carried the sacred scrolls in a procession around the sanctuary. The rabbi offered a blessing; the congregation yelled a congratulatory "Mazel tov!" and tossed pieces of candy to symbolize the sweetness of the days ahead. Lunch followed, with toasts from family members.

The difference was that the celebration, a tradition that normally marks Jewish adulthood for 13-year-olds, occurred in 2019, when Oxman was 83.

Because the 90th Psalm says that age 70 represents a full life span, some congregations offer this rite of passage — often for the second time — to those turning 83.

"It comes at a different transitional moment in life," Rabbi Nathan Kamesar, who proposed the ritual to Oxman, said. "It's the reflective moment, the opportunity to look back at the life you've led, and perhaps ahead to what the next chapter might be."

Younger people have many rituals that mark important passages — graduations, weddings, ceremonies for newborns, even milestones like acquiring driver's licenses or casting first votes — while older adults have few. Though birthday and anniversary parties may be great fun, they do not usually involve the same kind of life-cycle changes or the contemplation that rituals can bring later in life.

That's partly because ceremonies observed since antiquity don't acknowledge the longev-



Harry Oxman, 86, who celebrated his bar mitzvah in 1919, wears his tallit July 28 at his office in Philadelphia. Some older adults are finding ways to honor their momentous occasions. MICHELLE GUSTAFSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

ity of modern life, Jeanette Leardi, a social gerontologist and community educator in Portland, Oregon, said. Americans born in 1900 didn't expect to see age 50; why would they have planned rituals for later in life?

But the lack of opportunities to celebrate, Leardi said, also reflects the ageist assumption that older adults have nothing much to look forward to, that they are incapable of change. Yet transitions lie at the heart of such rites of passage, she added: "As a culture, we don't have an appreciation that this person has lived for decades and is ready to move into a new role, and that we should honor that."

Oxman is now 86 and still a practicing lawyer. Raised by secular Jewish parents, he did not have a bar mitzvah as a teen. Decades later, "it was important to me to have done it," he said.

Although he had served as president of the congregation, he said, the ceremony and the weeks of preparation were "extremely meaningful" and marked "the first

time I felt like I really belonged."

Here and there, older adults are inventing or reinventing other rites of passage at important junctures in their lives.

At Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn, Senior Rabbi Rachel Timoner plans to add blessings for congregants entering retirement or becoming grandparents to sabbath services. She also intends to offer a ritual developed in the 1980s for older women called simchat chochmah, a celebration of aging and wisdom.

"The second half of life includes so many moments that are worthy of attention and communal celebration," Timoner said.

Other late-in-life rites take secular forms. Some proponents have devised rituals for common but fraught experiences such as handing over car keys and relinquishing driving, or leaving the family home for a senior living facility.

Nancy Rhine, a gerontologist and marriage and family therapist in Mill Valley, California,

has helped about 40 older adults prepare for and process late-life rituals involving hours of retrospection and introspection, art and music. "They're looking at legacy, life review, taking stock," she said. "It's that searching, a contemplative practice." Her oldest such client was 81.

This spring, Kris Govaars was turning 70 and still mourning his wife, Vicki Govaars, who had died in 2019, just weeks after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. "I was a boat without a tether," Govaars, a former architectural consultant in the Bay Area, said. "I was struggling, trying to figure out my next steps."

He came across the Center for Conscious Eldering, founded by Ron Pevny, author of "Conscious Living, Conscious Aging" and decided to join its week-long retreat at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico. His group of 14, which included people in their 50s to their 80s, spent several days engaging in spiritual

practices, exercises and discussions.

For his culminating ritual, called a "solo journey," Govaars selected a private spot on a riverbank. After passing through a portal formed by two trees (and having a close encounter with a bobcat), he fasted, maintained silence, read poetry, journaled and wrote "legacy letters" for his two children. "I just spent a lot of time in thinking and meditation," he said, deeply moved by the experience.

"The outcome is hopefully a greater sense of happiness and purpose," he explained. "I feel calmer. I feel much more introspective. I listen with an open heart and mind. I may look the same, but I am different."

In addition to helping people see old age as a phase of life with purpose and rewards, along with the more commonly recognized challenges and deficits, rituals for older adults may affect others, Leardi pointed out.

"They benefit the community," she said. "You might have little kids there — young people, other elders — watching you go through this, hopefully aspiring to this. You cross the threshold and walk into your future."

Most older adults, of course, will have the late-life ritual of a funeral or memorial, a remembrance some may plan themselves. That, too, involves contemplation of their lives, their contributions and accomplishments. But while some older adults plan their own memorials, they do not hear the hymns or poems, remembrances or eulogies.

But Oxman did see his family and friends celebrate him and his role in his synagogue, his community and the world. He heard his rabbi bestow a blessing and tell the gathering that Oxman had spent his days wisely.

"Your presence is felt," Kamesar said. "Your legacy is accounted for. You matter, in a significant way, and in some ways, that's all we're here to do in this world."

CELEBRITIES

Kutcher reveals he developed ‘super rare’ autoimmune disorder

From news services

Ashton Kutcher revealed that an autoimmune disorder took away his vision, hearing and ability to walk.

In a sneak peek of a new episode of “Running Wild With Bear Grylls: The Challenge,” obtained by Access Hollywood, Kutcher said he developed a rare autoimmune disorder called vasculitis, which can cause inflammation of the blood vessels.

“Like two years ago, I had this weird, super rare form of vasculitis that like knocked out my vision, it knocked out my hearing, it knocked out like all my equilibrium,” he said. “It took me like a year to build it all back up. You don’t really appreciate it until it’s gone.”



Ashton Kutcher, shown July 25 in Los Angeles, developed vasculitis two years ago. **ROBIN L MARSHALL/GETTY**

Kutcher added that he was “lucky to be alive,” while Grylls marveled at his strength. Kutcher explained how he reframed the hardship as an opportunity to persevere and make the best of a bad situation.

“The minute you start seeing your obstacles as things that are made for you, to give you what you need, then life starts to get fun, right?” Kutcher explained. “You start surfing on top of your problems instead of living underneath them.”

Kutcher’s episode of “Running Wild With Bear Grylls: The Challenge” airs Aug. 21 at 9 p.m. PST on National Geographic.

Ezra Miller charged with felony burglary: Actor Ezra Miller has been charged with felony burglary in Stamford, Vermont, the latest in a string of incidents involving the embattled star of “The Flash.” In a report Monday, Vermont State Police said they responded to a burglary complaint in Stamford on May 1 and found several bottles of

alcohol were taken from a residence while the homeowners weren’t present. Miller was charged after police consulted surveillance footage and interviewed witnesses.

The police report said Miller was located shortly before midnight Sunday and was issued a citation to appear for arraignment in Vermont Superior Court on Sept. 26.

The felony charge adds to Miller’s mounting legal woes and reports of erratic behavior. The 29-year-old actor was arrested twice earlier this year in Hawaii, including for disorderly conduct and harassment at a karaoke bar. The second incident was for second-degree assault.

Attorneys for Miller didn’t immediately respond to requests for comment on the Vermont felony charge.

Fetty Wap jailed: Rapper Fetty Wap was jailed Monday after, prosecutors say, he threatened to kill a man during a FaceTime

call in 2021, violating the terms of his pretrial release in a pending federal drug conspiracy case.

Wap, whose real name is Willie Maxwell, told the man, “Imma kill you and everybody you with,” and flashed a gun during the Dec. 11 video call about two months after his arrest in the drug case, prosecutors said.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven Locke, acting on a request from prosecutors, revoked Maxwell’s bond and sent him to jail following a hearing Monday in federal court on Long Island. Messages seeking comment were left with Maxwell’s lawyers.

Aug. 10 birthdays: Actor James Reynolds is 76. Singer Patti Austin is 72. Actor Rosanna Arquette is 63. Actor Antonio Banderas is 62. Singer Michael Bivins is 54. Actor Angie Harmon is 50. Actor JoAnna Garcia Swisher is 43. Actor Ryan Eggold is 38. Actor Lucas Till is 32. Actor Jeremy Maguire is 11.



ASK AMY

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Client could let contractor renovate her life

Dear Amy: I’m a senior woman, divorced for more than half my life.

Recently I’ve hired a worker (30 years younger than I) to update my home, which needed work done.

During the time he’s been working in my home, we’ve become friendly.

Lately I find myself having fantasies about us becoming “friends with benefits,” and he has made a few comments which lead me to believe that he may feel the same way.

I’m uncomfortable with these feelings, but seem powerless to stop.

How should I handle this extremely uncomfortable situation?

— *The Older Woman*

Dear Older Woman: Fifteen years ago, I called a guy I went to high school with to renovate my house. He renovated my life, instead.

My point is that it is possible to meet “Mr. Right” — or “Mr. Right Now” — in your own living room.

If you don’t want to become involved with this man, then you should limit your time spent with him, get him to finish up the contracted work, pay him, send him on his way and continue to live your life.

However, life is short. Hot sex is great.

Understand that there are qualifications about staying safe. Do what you can to find out about this man beyond his Yelp reviews, and if you decide to go for it, use a condom.

No change in your circumstances is guaranteed to be seamless, happy or easy.

Any involvement with him would bring on ques-

tions, uncertainty and quite possibly an uncomfortable upheaval for you.

But — I repeat — a sexual reawakening is life-affirming and lovely.

Even the emotional pain that might accompany the outcome of the “friends with benefits” scenario can be worth it, because reconnecting with your sensual side will remind you to love yourself, to live fully in your own body, and that it’s OK to be daring.

The Emma Thompson film “Good Luck to You, Leo Grande” (streaming on Hulu) might inspire you.

Dear Amy: “Trying to be Accommodating” described their discomfort hiking with friends who “dragged” their very young children (ages 2 and 4) on an 8-hour hike in the heat and over rough terrain. The kids did most of the walking themselves, and “cried the whole time.”

I was one of those kids.

I was taken backpacking at 3 years old. I learned to ski when I was 2. When I fell behind, my parents said they wanted me to learn independence and they would “just go on ahead.” By the time I was 14, I’d been left on the Knife Edge of Mount Katahdin in Maine, rescued by the snow patrol in Italy, and found by strangers who carried me on their shoulders up Mount Washington.

This behavior is traumatic for those children, and if they are pushed beyond their limits in this way consistently, it will only get worse.

It’s one thing to “not spoil” or to “not give in” to a child. It’s another thing to ignore actual distress.

— *JA*

Dear JA: Some readers responded that the parental behavior described from “Trying to be Accommodating” amounts to abuse, and I agree.

In my response, I suggested ways for “Trying” to respond to the parents, urging them to lessen the length and challenge of this year’s annual hike, but I didn’t focus on the troubling parenting choices, and I should have.

Thank you for your response. Mount Katahdin is described as a “very strenuous” 8- to 12-hour hike. I could hardly bear to even watch a video of a hiker on the mountain’s Knife Edge (described as “deadly”); I cannot imagine being left there alone.

Thank goodness for the kindness of strangers, as well as the rescue squads who risk their own safety to help those stranded. You sound like a true survivor.

Dear Amy: “Annoyed Little Sister” was bothered by her brother’s incessant bragging. Through childhood, their mother had always set them up in a competition, with the brother on the bottom.

This sounds like my childhood. Blatant parental favoritism damages sibling relationships throughout life. I’ve found ways to rise above it, but the sadness endures.

— *Also Annoyed*

Dear Annoyed: Parents write the script, while siblings spend the rest of their lives reciting it.

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Donald Glover in “Atlanta,” which returns for its fourth and final season Sept. 15. **FX**

Donald Glover feels last season of ‘Atlanta’ its ‘most grounded’

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

Donald Glover warned his fellow writers from the first day on “Atlanta” that the show would get canceled for what it was going to attempt.

He was wrong.

The buzzy FX series won Emmys and drew praise for its social commentary and experimentation that pushed boundaries when it debuted in 2016. The show begins its fourth and final season Sept. 15. The premiere includes two episodes of the 10-episode season.

“I feel like this is probably the most grounded season. It explores people more than we have before,” Glover recently told a TV critics’ meeting. “We’re right now kind of living in a time where you just don’t give people the benefit of the doubt, so I feel like this is a good time to kind of explore that more.”

Glover writes, directs, executive produces and stars as Earn Marks, a Princeton dropout who manages his rapper cousin as they navigate the

Atlanta rap scene.

The show’s run has been spread out, with FX citing scheduling conflicts for creating a wide gap between the second and third seasons. The sophomore episodes concluded in May 2018, and season three debuted this past March.

“Our show started kind of punk, like no one cares about a lot of stuff,” Glover said. “That was my mind-set anyway, but by the end we cared about a lot of stuff. A lot of our lives changed in a lot of ways so we kind of grew up. We ended up being a show about people and before it was about do people matter.”

The show has been criticized by some Black viewers, including those who claim it’s inauthentic about the Black experience, and Glover has been singled out for his depiction of Black female characters.

“I listen to the criticisms, but I’m also like the conversation isn’t as elevated as it should be,” Glover said. “This is such a Black show on a lot of levels. To say that it’s for white people is like we’re

cutting ourselves down. It’s just sad to me mostly.”

Stephen Glover, who co-writes the show with his older brother, is bolstered by Black viewers he runs into telling him they’re inspired to “do cooler and weirder stuff” because of the show.

“For me, that is the real kind of conversation that’s happening out there that I listen to,” he said. “I kind of get my feelings from the streets.”

Last season took place almost entirely in Europe and included four installments that focused on one-off characters, which drew mixed opinions from viewers. Some of that stand-alone element is back this fall, although the show returns to its home city.

“It felt for a lot of people like a step out of the way we do things, but for me it’s kind of like we’ve always done stuff like that,” Stephen Glover said. “Maybe people won’t hate us so much this time.”

A laughing Donald Glover added, “If the question is did we learn our lesson, the answer is no.”

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): An authority figure might give you a weird vibe today. Your uncomfortable emotions could suggest that something more complicated is going on. Describing the situation to your friends may give you perspective.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Getting others to agree with your beliefs may seem important right now. Perhaps you’re better off being a little more thoughtful in how you direct your efforts. Practical progress toward your priorities could make a greater difference in your life than enforcing absolute uniformity on every detail.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Complicated issues surrounding money could seem overwhelming to you now. A passive stance increases the likelihood that someone will take advantage of you. If consulting an expert is necessary, make sure you know enough to ask them the right questions.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): An entrenched power dynamic could be a troublesome factor today. It will likely show up in one of your close relationships. Intentionally getting to know your companion as a well-rounded human can give you both room to acknowledge life’s gray areas.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 10, 1885, Leo Daft opened America’s first commercially operated electric streetcar in Baltimore.

In 1962, Marvel Comics superhero Spider-Man

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Having routine tasks done your way may seem crucial now. While you might be trying to match a beautiful ideal you have in your head, it’s probably time for a significant conversation with one of your main connections. Knowing the real problem could be a relief for them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your efforts to manage how your social network sees you could stress you out today. Can you step away from the drama a bit and focus on your to-do list instead? Getting things done should restore your confidence enough to help you address any remaining friendship frustrations in a grounded way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Trying to please everyone in your life may be exhausting for you today. Competing factions could want different things from you. You might need to cast the deciding vote yourself. Keep in mind that if you manage to disappoint both parties equally, you’re at least being fair!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A broader, more adventurous perspective may appeal to you today. Perhaps you’re better off digging into the details of your immediate world as deeply as you can. You can identify what would make you feel secure. Take care of yourself to take care of the world.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Defining financial security could be a challenge for you today. Talking to someone who’s equipped to advise you can help you balance your current concerns against your long-term goals. It will be worth it later, so get all the facts before you make a decision.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your emotional needs may demand attention now. Drawing on your internal resources of self-confidence and self-worth can help you make the most out of the opportunities you have to connect with others. Appreciate what you already have — it might help you get even more.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Though you might strive for beauty and order in your daily routine, you could be sabotaged by frustrations that seem to come out of nowhere. Perhaps loosening your grip and going with what flows naturally will help you shake loose from whatever’s dragging you down.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your commitment to friends could demand a lot from you right now. While you’re perhaps just hoping for some fun, someone may push you to prove your loyalty. Such a request probably says more about them than it does about you. Process what comes up in the aftermath.

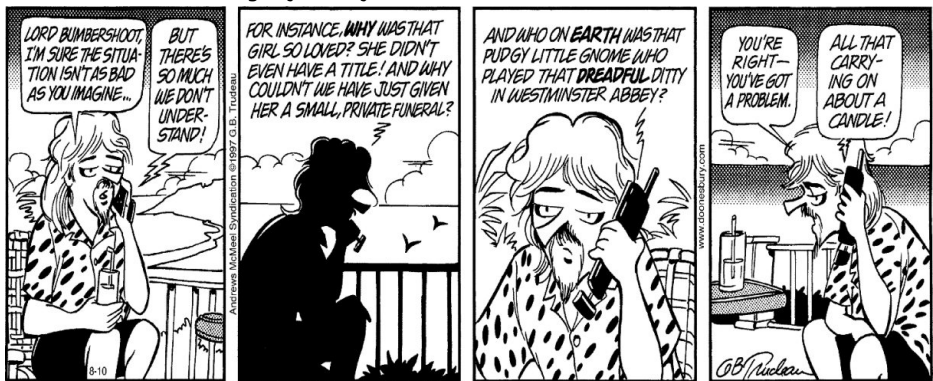
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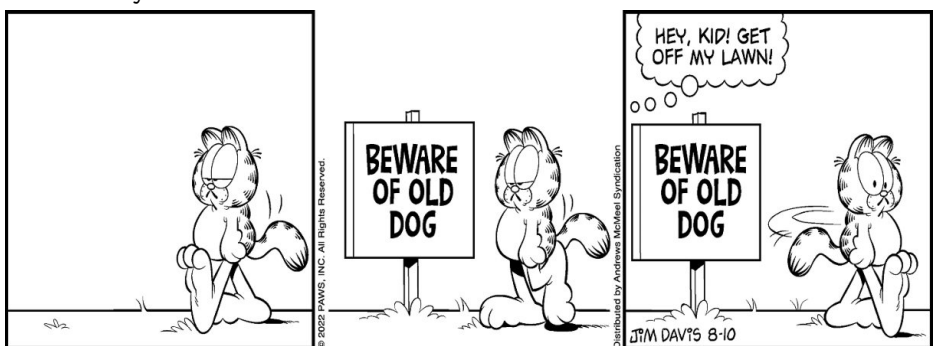
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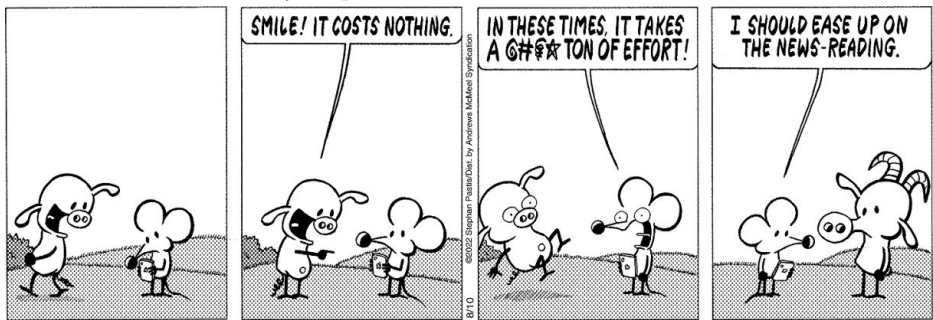
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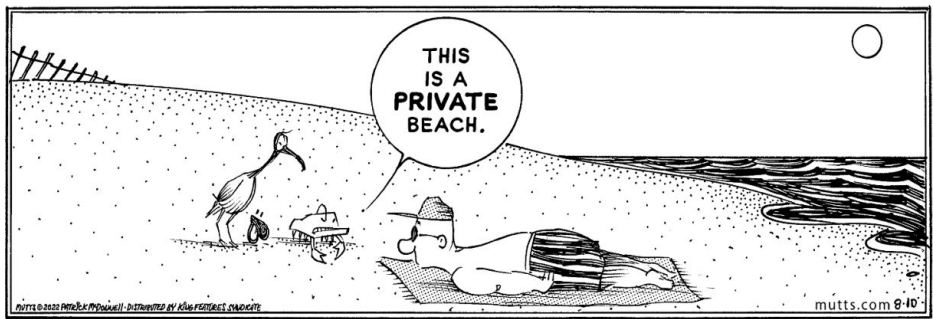
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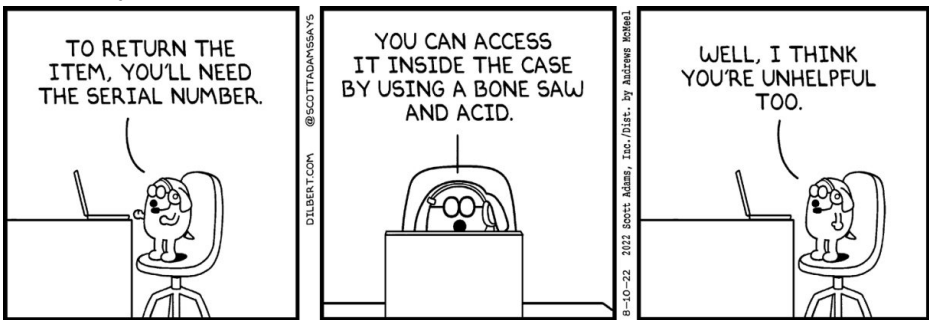
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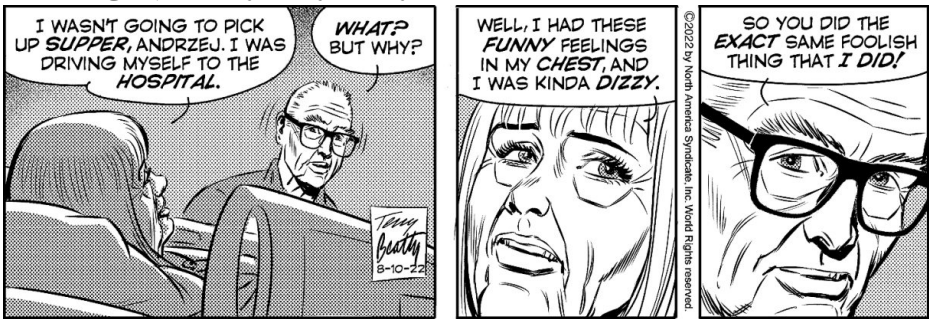
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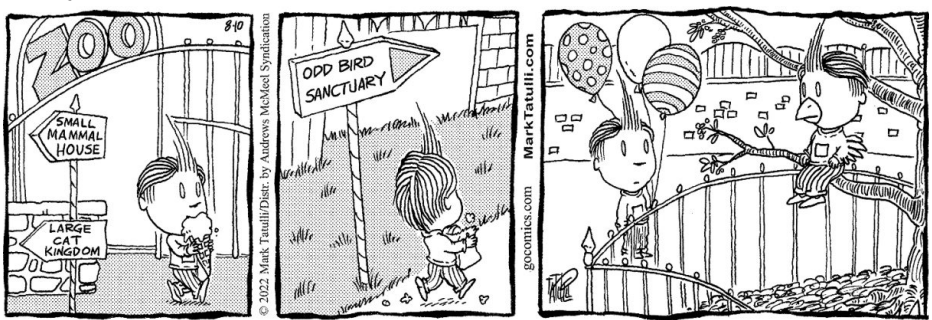
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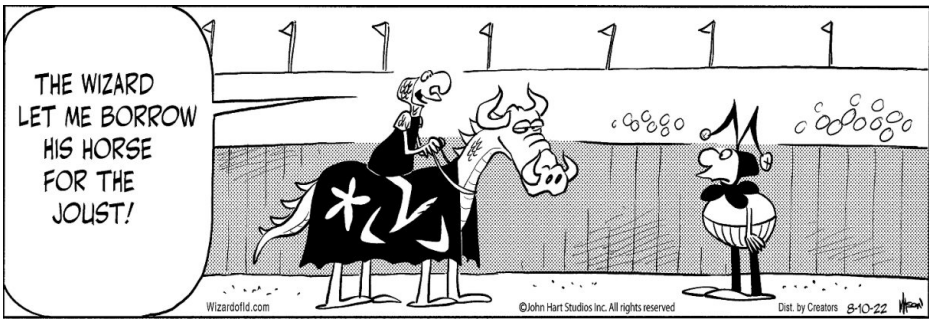
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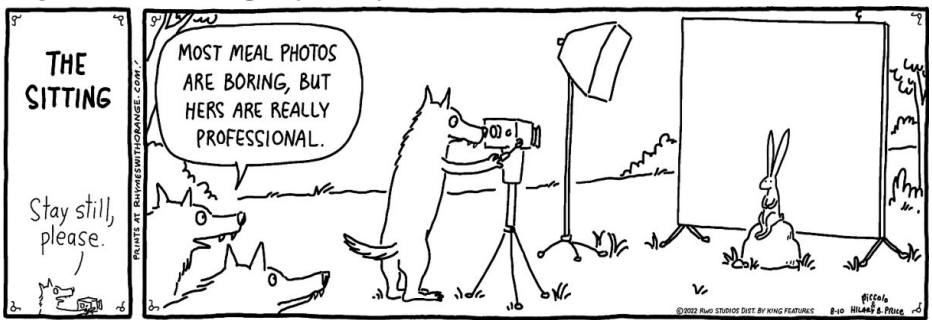
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Level: 1 2 3 4

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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WordWheel

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: dancing

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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O ECNADNRABOLLYWOOD
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ACROSS

- 1 Morgan or Hamlin
6 ___ West
9 "Days ___ Lives"
10 "___ Wonder"; 1980s sitcom
12 "___ in Toyland"
13 "___ Night Lights"
14 Mork's planet
15 Actress Moran
16 ___ Procter of "CSI: Miami"
19 Brooklyn team
23 "The ___ Housewives of Beverly Hills"
24 Nastase of Tennis
25 "The ___"; Gere/Poitier/Willis film
28 "___ from U.N.C.L.E."
30 Dog food brand
31 Unlike Morehouse & Eton
32 "The ___ Griffin Show"
33 Finch or Fonda
34 "___ dead people"; line from "The Sixth Sense"
36 Wedding vow
39 "___ Crest"; primetime soap opera

HARRY MAE
OFOUR SMALL
BABES FRIDAY
ORK ERIN
EMILY NETS
REAL ILIE
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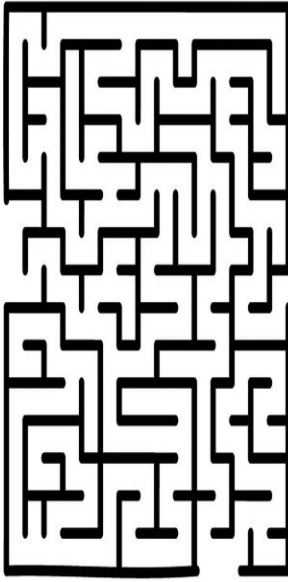
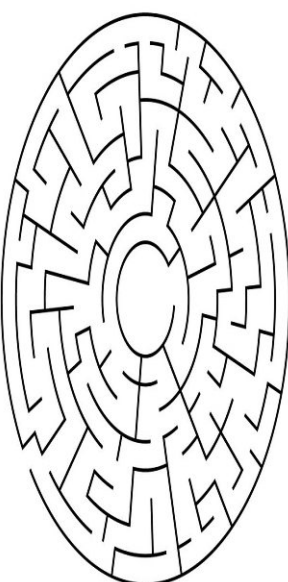
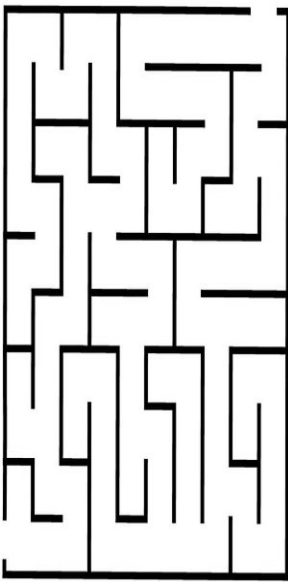
- 42 British actor David ___
44 Having the ___; in a funk
45 "Let's Make ___"
46 No ___, and/or, but/s
47 Manilow or Bostwick

DOWN

- 1 Freddie the Freeloader, e.g.
2 From a distance
3 "NCIS: New Orleans" actor
4 Actress McClanahan
5 Periods of time: abbr.
6 "___ About You"
7 So. state
8 Tarzan portrayer Ron
10 ___ Lanka
11 Actress on "Speechless"
13 Cook in oil
15 Building annex, often
17 "Cry ___ River"
18 Suffix for potent or part
20 "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
21 Tamera's twin
22 Marco Rubio's title: abbr.
25 "Space ___"; Michael Jordan film
26 Tavern order
27 Life-saving technique, for short
28 "Sesame Street" fan
29 "___ Haw"
31 Mediocre grade
33 Pigsty
35 Distress signal
37 "___ John"
38 "___ the Brave"; Josh Brolin movie
39 Missy Peregrin series
40 Sitcom alien
41 "___ Vegas"
42 Capture
43 Actress & director Lupino

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WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

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HIGH 85°
LOW 68°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Chance for scattered morning showers, partly sunny and warm.

HIGH 86°
LOW 65°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny, seasonable with comfortable humidity.

HIGH 82°
LOW 59°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine and some fair weather clouds.

HIGH 81°
LOW 59°

SUNDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable.

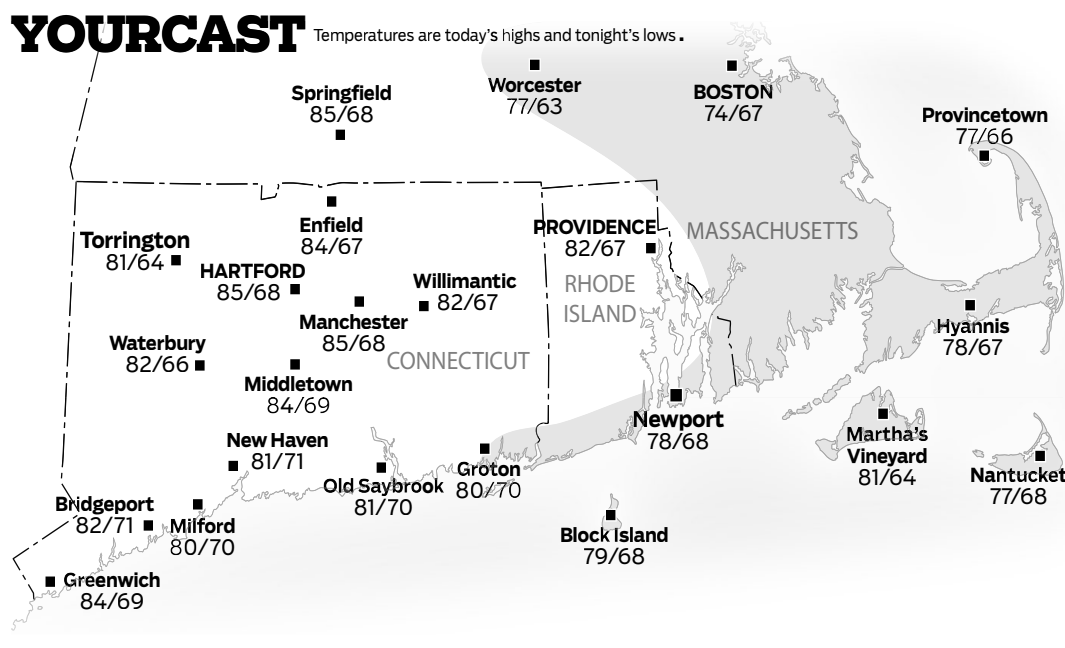
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LOW 62°

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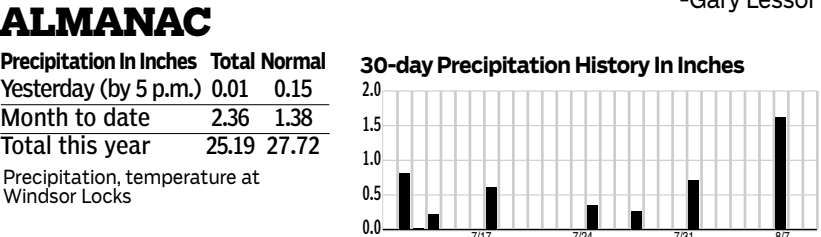
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OUTLOOK

The eight-day heat wave is likely over with high temperatures Wednesday in the low to mid-80s and the humidity should temper back to moderately humid levels with dew points in the mid-60s. There is about a 20 percent chance for a shower or thunderstorm, but a large portion of the state remains dry. There will be a weak system passing by to the south overnight and Thursday morning that could produce some showers. A cold front will move through late Thursday or Thursday evening bringing much lower humidity with dew points in the 50s Friday and Saturday.

-Gary Lessor



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 43 High 6 Moderate Weeds 86°

Air Quality Today Ultraviolet index Today Pollen Count Yesterday Heat Index Today

Today Tomorrow
Sunrise 5:54 a.m. 5:55 a.m.
Sunset 7:59 p.m. 7:58 p.m.
Moonrise 7:35 p.m. 8:17 p.m.
Moonset 3:35 a.m. 4:54 a.m.

Moon Phase

Full Aug 11 Last Aug 19 New Aug 27 First Sept 3

Tides

	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	8:17 a.m. 8:43 p.m.	2:41 a.m. 2:42 p.m.	77°
Saybrook Jetty	9:28 a.m. 9:54 p.m.	3:34 a.m. 3:35 p.m.	78°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:11 p.m.	7:21 p.m.	
Madison	9:57 a.m. 10:16 p.m.	3:44 a.m. 3:57 p.m.	80°
New Haven	10:17 a.m. 10:36 p.m.	4:08 a.m. 4:21 p.m.	81°
Stamford	10:21 a.m. 10:40 p.m.	4:22 a.m. 4:35 p.m.	80°

River Stage at Hartford: 1.79 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather L.I. Sound W PCloudy L.I. Sound E PCloudy B.I. Sound PCloudy
Wind NE/E, 5-10 NE/SE, 5-10 NE, 5-10
Seas 1 ft. 1 ft. 2-3 ft.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND
Bangor 73 58 C
Burlington 79 61 PC
Caribou 71 57 PC
Concord 78 58 PC
Montpelier 74 56 PC
Mt. Wash. 53 47 C
Portland 72 59 C
Woods Hole 78 64 PC

NATION
Albany 83 61 PC
Albuquerque 85 62 PC
Atlantic City 86 72 PC

Baltimore 88 71 T
Bismarck 87 60 S
Boise 93 71 PC
Buffalo 79 61 PC
Charleston 92 75 PC
Cincinnati 80 65 SH
Cleveland 79 60 PC
Indianapolis 83 64 PC
Jacksonville 94 71 PC
Las Vegas 95 79 PC
Miami Beach 88 82 PC
Milwaukee 81 63 S
San Diego 80 70 PC

Nashville 86 71 T
New Orleans 85 72 PC
New York 92 70 PC
Okla. City 95 69 S
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Orlando 79 58 SH
Pittsburgh 94 72 T
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Salt Lake City 91 67 PC
San Antonio 98 75 PC
San Jose 80 70 PC

San Juan 89 78 PC
Tucson 96 76 PC

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Athens 93 75 S
Bangkok 88 77 SH
Barbados 84 76 SH
Beijing 88 72 PC
Beirut 86 78 S
Berlin 85 62 S
Bermuda 85 79 S

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Buenos Aires 60 49 PC
Cairo 100 75 S
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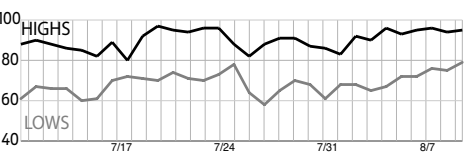
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Paris 93 67 S
Prague 82 56 PC
Rio de Janeiro 81 69 SH
Rome 93 70 S
Seoul 76 71 SH
Singapore 90 79 SH

Stockholm 78 61 PC
Sydney 65 54 C
Tel Aviv 90 76 PC
Tokyo 93 80 PC
Toronto 79 67 S
Vancouver 74 63 PC
Warsaw 79 58 PC

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Season Normal Last Season
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UCONN FOOTBALL

Mora: ‘Desperation to win’ has created buy-in

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

STORRS — The UConn football roster has been young for a while. Players have come and then gone, searching for a better situation; looking for an opportunity to win or to play at the next level.

When Jim Mora joined the program as head coach and hired an almost entirely new coaching staff, the vibe around the program

has made Storrs now seem like that green grass on the other side. The competitiveness of the players and the passion has grown exponentially since Mora came along last spring.

Veteran mainstays like Christian Haynes, Jackson Mitchell, Nate Carter and Ian Swenson could’ve had a shot at the transfer portal, but because of Mora, they all decided to stay in Storrs.

Why? “They’re desperate to

win,” Mora said after practice Tuesday.

The Huskies have won just four games since 2018, though they didn’t play in 2020 due to the pandemic.

“I think it’s all about the players, I don’t think it has really much to do with the staff. Certainly we try to set an example and set a standard and bring them along, but we’ve got a group of guys that are desperate to win. And when you’re

desperate, man, you’ll do what it takes,” Mora said. “They want it so bad. And those are the guys that are fun to coach.”

Now, with more older players who have been with the program joined by some who transferred in, younger players get a chance to develop. They don’t need to be thrown into action straightaway.

Swenson, a senior linebacker who’s played nearly every game after sitting his redshirt freshman

season in 2017, echoed a familiar notion among the returners, crediting Mora for his decision to stay.

“For one, I love this place,” Swenson said. “And Coach Mora coming made my decision pretty easy to come back here. I want to pursue the next level.”

The Huskies have had just four players drafted since 2016. Mora, who has NFL coaching experience

Turn to UConn, Page 4

RED SOX



Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale walks off the mound after a hand injury during the second inning against the Yankees on July 17 in New York. JULIA NIKHINSON/AP

Tough goodbyes

Sox ace Sale out for year after breaking wrist in bike accident

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

BOSTON — Red Sox left-hander Chris Sale broke his right wrist in a bike accident over the weekend and will miss the rest of the season, the team said Tuesday, the latest setback during an injury-plagued three years for the Boston ace.

Sale had surgery Monday and is expected to be ready for the start of spring training next year.

“You couldn’t make this up,” Red Sox Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom said Tuesday. “It stinks. It’s really unfortunate. We’re relieved this wasn’t worse, obviously. Very glad this wasn’t worse. But it’s been such a run of bad luck for him and obviously for us.”

Sale’s latest injury raises questions about his future with the team once he’s healthy. The 33-year-old appeared in just two games this season, throwing 5⅓ innings. He suffered a broken left pinkie finger when he was hit by

Turn to Sale, Page 2



Dennis Eckersley claps during a 2017 ceremony at Fenway Park in Boston. AP

Appreciation: Eckersley’s humility is what made him one-of-a-kind in NESN’s broadcast booth

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Run into Dennis Eckersley in the press box or media elevator at Fenway Park and chances are, he’s going to ask you a question.

He’s a Hall of Famer, MVP, Cy Young winner and World Series champion who spent 24 seasons in the big leagues and 20 more in the broadcast booth — you’d think there wouldn’t be a baseball question Eckersley didn’t already know the answer to.

But he’s always hungry for more. More information, more knowledge, deeper wisdom, another perspective. He’s a master at never pretending to know it all.

It’s his humility that was among the many reasons he became an Emmy Award-winning broadcaster, and why millions of Red Sox fans across the country were surely saddened on Monday, when Eckersley announced that he’d

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YANKEES

Donaldson starting to find his groove at the plate

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

SEATTLE — Josh Donaldson was the spark the Yankees needed Monday night. After losing five straight and being swept in St. Louis, the veteran third baseman gave the Bombers three runs early to get their offense going against the Mariners on Monday and hopefully turn around a monthlong skid.

And the Yankees have to hope that this run can turn around what has been a disappointing start to Donaldson’s Yankee career.

Donaldson’s two-run single in the first inning against Logan Gilbert got things started and then he homered off the Mariners’ right-handed starter in the third. He finished with a season-high four-hit night, including two doubles and his 11th home run of the season.

“I feel like that run is in there for JD,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. “And if he can get going like we know he’s capable of, that’s a big, heavy bat in the middle. And we need it.”

The Bombers haven’t seen it for most of the season. After acquiring Donaldson — and the \$50 million left on his deal with the Twins that runs through next season with an option for 2024 — Donaldson looked nothing like the three-time All-Star and 2015 American League MVP who signed that four-year deal in Minnesota.

They got Donaldson in a deal that was mainly meant to secure their shortstop position (Isiah Kiner-Falefa) and change their catching spot (sending Gary Sanchez and third baseman Gio Urshela to the Twins). Of course, Donaldson is now 36 and dealing with a nagging shoulder injury, but the Yankees had hoped they were getting a solid defensive third baseman with some power.

Through the first four months of the season, Donaldson hit .217/.296/.373 with nine home runs and drove in 35 runs in 82 at-bats.

One scout who has watched Donaldson over his career suggested that it may be circumstance.

“He was ‘the guy,’ in the lineup most of his career, the pitcher was trying to limit his damage and then going after guys lower in the lineup,” the American League scout said. “Now he’s hitting further down in the lineup, he’s behind Aaron Judge, Giancarlo Stanton and Anthony Rizzo, those are the

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Longtime North Haven coach DeMayo, who topped 900 wins, retires

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Bob DeMayo, who coached baseball at North Haven High School for over six decades and won over 900 games in his career, announced his retirement Monday.

DeMayo, 89, won a state record 936 games and five state championships over 64 years. His team had a regular season record of 9-11 this spring and lost to Lyman Hall 3-1 in the first round of the Class L tournament.

“I was happy to get the job, I loved North Haven, we lived here, I met my wife, she was a math teacher here - the years just flew,” he said Tuesday. “I can’t believe I turned my resignation in. I never thought I’d do that.”

DeMayo said health issues, including dizziness and back and leg problems, essentially forced him to retire.

“It appeared to be more of an effort and I couldn’t see the ball that well,” he said. “I told myself when I got into coaching, I’m going

to coach as long as I make a difference, and with all these things going on, I wasn’t making a difference. I said to myself, ‘That’s it’ and I gave it up.”

Bette DeMayo, his wife, said the decision was very difficult.

“He has fought through cancer, he has fought through stenosis of the back, which doesn’t go away ... the dizziness ... so it was time,” she said. “It’s very difficult. Very emotional.”

“I had such great kids,” Bob added. “It’s hard to leave them.”

He had a hard time pinpointing his best memory.

“When you’ve had thousands of student-athletes and taught five psychology classes, it’s pretty hard - unless the kids come back and start talking and it stimulates my memory,” he said.

Bette recalled her husband’s first state championship, in 1975, when their son Gary was a sophomore on the team and the pitcher was Mike Proto, who has coached with Bob

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North Haven High School head coach Bob DeMayo, shown in 2018, won more than 900 games. COURANT FILE

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Patriots: Preseason: Giants, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: at Patriots, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: at Eagles, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Red Sox: Atlanta, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Orioles, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Yankees, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Mariners, Wednesday, 4 p.m.; at Red Sox, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Red Sox, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Cincinnati, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.; Phillies, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Somerset, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; at Somerset, Thursday, 11 a.m.; at Somerset, 7 p.m.
Sun: at Sparks, Thursday, 10:30 p.m.; Lynx, Sunday, 1 p.m.;
WNBA Playoffs vs. TBD, date/time TBD
Hartford Athletic: Indy, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Miami, August 20, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, August 24, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
11 a.m.: Little League Baseball Midwest Regional: Missouri vs. Iowa. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: Little League Baseball New England Regional: New Hampshire vs. Massachusetts. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
3 p.m.: Little League Baseball Northwest Regional: Oregon vs. Idaho. (Live) ESPN
4 p.m.: New York Yankees at Seattle Mariners. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
5 p.m.: Little League Baseball Great Lakes Regional: Ohio vs. TBA. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at Baltimore Orioles. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Little League Baseball Metro Regional: New Jersey vs. Connecticut. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox. (Live) NESN
8 p.m.: Chicago White Sox at Kansas City Royals. (Live) FS1
9 p.m.: Little League Baseball West Regional: Arizona vs. Northern California. (Live) ESPN2
11 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: Basketball Dominican Republic vs Kentucky. (Live) SEC
8 p.m.: Minnesota Timberwolves at Memphis Grizzlies. (Taped) NBA
9 p.m.: Minnesota Timberwolves at Memphis Grizzlies. (Taped) NBA
10 p.m.: WNBA }Minnesota Lynx at Phoenix Mercury. (Live) CBSSN
GOLF
6 a.m.: Asian Tour Golf Mandiri Indonesia Open, Third Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
8 a.m.: Asian Tour Golf Mandiri Indonesia Open, Final Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
6 p.m.: Women's Golf U.S. Women's Amateur, Round of 64. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
2 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship Sweden vs Switzerland. (Live) NHL
6 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship Latvia vs Canada. (Live) NHL
10 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship Germany vs Austria. (Live) NHL
SOCCER
12:48 p.m.: FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Germany vs Colombia. (Live) FSP
2:30 p.m.: Fútbol UEFA Supercopa Real Madrid vs. Eintracht Frankfurt. (Live) UNI
3 p.m.: UEFA Super Cup Soccer Real Madrid vs Eintracht Frankfurt. (Live) CBSSN
3:48 p.m.: FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup New Zealand vs Mexico. (Live) FSP
8:30 p.m.: MLS All-Star Game MLS All-Stars vs Liga MX All-Stars. (Live) ESPN
8:30 p.m.: MLS All-Star Game MLS All-Stars vs. Liga MX All-Stars. (Live) UNI
TENNIS
11 a.m.: ATP/WTa Tennis Canada - Early Rounds. (Live) TENNIS
12 p.m.: ATP Tennis National Bank Open, Men's Day Session. (Live) SPRTNET

YARD GOATS

Rockies top prospect Veen promoted to Goats

By William Dayton
Sports Editor

The top prospect in the Colorado Rockies’ system will soon be making his way to Hartford.

Outfielder Zac Veen, who was selected ninth overall in the 2020 MLB Draft, took will take the field for the Hartford Yard Goats on Tuesday night.

The 20-year-old is ranked as the No. 1 prospect in the Rockies’ system by MLB. com and 20th in all of baseball. Veen hit second and played right field as the Yard Goats began a six-game series with the Somerset Patriots in New Jersey.

A native of Port Orange,

Florida, Veen is in the midst of his second season in professional baseball. He hit .269 with 11 home runs and a Northwest League-leading 60 RBI for the Spokane Indians in High-A ball this season. Not only were his batting numbers impressive, he also showed off plenty of speed— leading the league in runs (72) and stolen bases (50).

Veen got the chance to play in the 2022 MLB All-Star Futures Game last month, and he went 2-for-3 with a pair of singles and two stolen bases.

The Yard Goats return to Hartford on Aug. 16 when they’ll begin a six-game series with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

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for over 40 years and is also retiring.

“A lot of the kids have stuck around,” Bette said. “They played for him, they’re friends, they’re wonderful.”

“I coached him since he was a Little Leaguer,” Bob said of Proto. “He pitched the full nine innings [of the championship game], back then it was nine innings. There was a New Britain kid who was 25-0 and at the end of the afternoon, he was 25-1.

“That was the start of basically where we could play at the level of the South- ingtons and the other big schools.”

DeMayo, who lives in North Haven with Bette, enjoyed teaching the subtleties and intricacies of the

game.

“There was a certain style that he always felt was the way baseball should be taught,” Bette said. “The finer nuances. I would tell him, some of the things he would do, we would win games we had no business winning. Those are the subtleties that physically he can’t show them anymore. I guess that’s the biggest reason.”

DeMayo, who also taught at North Haven High, graduated from Notre Dame-West Haven in 1950 and played baseball at Fordham and in the Orioles farm system before taking the North Haven coaching position in 1959. He won state titles in 1975, 1982, 1985, 2003 and 2015. He did not coach in 2014 due to a knee injury.

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MLB LATE MONDAY

Judge hits No. 44 as Yankees beat Mariners 9-4 to stop skid

Associated Press

Aaron Judge hit his 44th homer, Josh Donaldson also went deep and drove in three runs, and the New York Yankees snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the Mariners 9-4 on Monday night in Seattle.

Donaldson doubled twice and Andrew Benintendi also had two doubles and three RBIs as the Yankees hammered Seattle pitching. But it wasn't a perfect night — Matt Carpenter broke his left foot when he fouled off a pitch in the first inning.

Donaldson and Benintendi got it started as New York knocked around starter Logan Gilbert for

seven earned runs and 10 hits — six for extra bases. That was plenty for Jameson Taillon (11-2), who scattered three hits over seven innings.

New York manager Aaron Boone held a team meeting ahead of the series opener in Seattle after the Yankees were swept in St. Louis last weekend. His message was mostly a reminder the Bronx Bombers are arguably the most talented team in the American League and following the trade deadline have the pieces to make this a special season.

Message received.

Donaldson had a two-run single in his first at-bat, launched his 11th home run with two outs in the third

and hit the first of three consecutive doubles in the fifth that ended Gilbert's night.

Benintendi's two-out double in the third inning scored Gleyber Torres, and his double over the head of left fielder Jesse Winker in the fifth scored two and was the final batter for Gilbert.

Mets 5, Reds 1: At New York, Chris Bassitt scattered eight hits over eight innings and Starling Marte hit a two-run homer in the first, leading the Mets to their 13th victory in 15 games.

New York extended their NL East lead to seven games over idle Atlanta. New York just took four

of five from the defending World Series champions at Citi Field last weekend.

Bassitt (9-7) allowed an unearned run and walked one while striking out eight in his second eight-inning outing this season and fifth in 114 career starts. He threw 114 pitches, most by a Mets starter this year and two shy of his career high set in August 2019.

Bassitt faced the minimum through three innings before wriggling out of trouble the rest of the night. The Reds scored in the fourth, when he induced three fielder's choice groundouts — all from second baseman Jeff McNeil to shortstop Francisco Lindor.



The Yankees' Josh Donaldson watches the flight of his solo home run off a pitch by Mariners starter Logan Gilbert during the third inning Monday in Seattle. **JOHN FROSCHAUER/AP**

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guys the pitcher is worried about. He's probably seeing more fastballs and less 'get me over stuff' than any time in his career."

That said, Donaldson was contributing.

His defense has been stellar. He has eight defensive runs saved according to Fangraphs and he's in the top 95 percentile in Outs Above Average, according to Baseball Savant. While maybe not appreciated as much as hitting homers, the Yankees' complete reversal of their defense from 28th overall last season (according to Fangraphs) to third this year is a big part of their success.

Still, the Yankees felt like there was more offense in the veteran and maybe they are starting to see it.

Suddenly, after just 11 multiple-hit performances in his first 82 games with the Yankees, Donaldson has three in his last seven. Since the calendar turned to August, Donaldson has slashed .385/.467/.76 (10-for-26) with six extra-base hits with eight RBI and a 1.263 OPS.

Andujar replaces Carpenter: Miguel Andujar will get another chance. The former starter who has been stuck in Triple-A the last two seasons was recalled before Tuesday night's game against the Mariners. He will replace Matt Carpenter, who fractured his left foot, on the 26-man roster.

Andujar, who was the runner-up to Shohei Ohtani in the American

League Rookie of the Year voting in 2018, has been hitting .293/.337/.498 with 12 home runs with Scranton. In 14 games with the Yankees this season, Andujar hit .245/.269/.286 with two doubles and four RBI in 52 plate appearances this season.

Andujar was the odd man out after suffering a season-ending shoulder injury in the first week of the 2019 season. The third baseman lost his job to Gio Urshela that season and the Bombers have been searching for the right fit for him since he came back healthy in 2020. He has always been shaky defensively at third base. Andujar committed 15 errors at the hot corner in 2018 and had a cringe-worthy -25 defensive runs saved. That was the fourth most by a third baseman in the majors that season.

Eckersley

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be retiring from his broadcasting career at the end of the 2022 season.

"After 50 years in Major League Baseball, I am excited about this next chapter of my life," said Eckersley. "I will continue to be an ambassador for the club and a proud member of Red Sox Nation, while transitioning to life after baseball alongside my wife Jennifer, my children and my grandchildren.

"I'm forever grateful to NESN, the Red Sox, my family and the fans for supporting me throughout my career and through this decision and I look forward to remaining engaged with the team in a variety of capacities for years to come."

It was 50 years ago that Eckersley was Cleveland's third-round draft pick as a 17-year-old out of Washington High School in Fremont, California.

He quickly became a sensation with the Indians, but was traded to the Red Sox in 1978 after his first wife, Denise, left him for his teammate and best friend, Rick Manning. The devastation fueled his success in Boston, where he was among the game's best starting pitchers until he was traded to the Cubs in 1984.

Three seasons of playing day games for the Cubs in Chicago and enjoying the night-life a little too much led Eckersley to realize he had a drinking problem, which he's discussed openly throughout his life. And after sobering up in the '86 offseason and getting traded to the Oakland A's, Hall of Fame manager Tony La Russa moved him to the bullpen and one of the game's best-ever closers was born.

But for all the success Eckersley had in Oakland, where he won the American League Championship Series MVP and World Series in '89, put together one of the best relief seasons ever in '90, and won the A.L. MVP and Cy Young in '92, he often remembers his failures as being just as impactful.

There was the Kirk Gibson home run in

the '88 World Series, when Eckersley was one out away from closing out a Game 1 victory against the Dodgers but Gibson, playing on two bad legs, clobbered a regrettable backdoor slider for a walkoff home run.

And the 1992 ALCS, when Eckersley served up a game-tying, two-run homer to Roberto Alomar that led to a Game 4 come-back loss to the Blue Jays and an eventual series defeat.

"I don't know what it is, you just remember the bad stuff, you just do," Eckersley said on MLB Network's feature film, "Eck, A Story of Saving." "It's not that it outweighs the good, because it just doesn't. But it stays with you. Keeps you humble. I've had enough to be humble about."

The humility is what has made him so great on the air, with Eckersley unafraid to be honest about his playing days, admit his faults, share insight into his successes, and be just as candid about what he's seeing on the field.

It's what made him so friendly with broadcasters and media members, and simultaneously disdained by some of the more sensitive modern day big leaguers like David Price and Marcus Stroman.

It often seems as though the players who haven't done the work on themselves, those who are afraid of being vulnerable or don't believe observers have a right to be honest about what they see, are those who have been most offended by Eckersley throughout his broadcasting career.

Eckersley calls it like he sees it, but those who know him or know anything about him know this: it's not born out of resentment or vindictiveness, but rather from a lifetime spent chasing the highs and surviving the lows in a sport that's full of both.

Eckersley cares deeply about the game. He cares about presenting it with style and keeping it interesting and entertaining.

Soon, he'll care mostly about his grandchildren as he returns to the Bay Area to enjoy his retirement with his family.

His family in New England, those who allowed him into their homes so often over the last 20 years, will surely miss him.

Sale

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a line drive against the New York Yankees on July 17 and had surgery the next day. The start of his season was delayed after he broke a rib while working out on his own during the lockout.

"We need to dispatch some people to go find whoever has the Chris Sale voodoo doll and recover it," Bloom said.

Bloom said Sale rode his bike home from a throwing session on Saturday at Boston College near his home. He took his bike out again to get lunch and hit something as he was going down a hill, throwing him from the bike and causing what Bloom called "a pretty rough spill."

Sale's still-healing left pinkie wasn't harmed in the crash, Bloom said.

Sale has thrown only 48½ innings in the regular season and nine in the postseason since the end of 2019. He missed the pandemic-shortened 2020 season because of Tommy John surgery and went 5-1 with a 3.16 ERA in nine starts last year. He's logged only 14 starts, including three in the playoffs, over the past three seasons.

He is in the third year of a five-year, \$145 million deal.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	71	39	.645	—	—	4-6	W-1	41-15	30-24
Toronto	60	49	.550	10 ½	+2	5-5	L-1	34-21	26-28
Tampa Bay	58	50	.537	12	+ ½	5-5	W-1	33-21	25-29
Baltimore	57	52	.523	13 ½	1	7-3	W-1	32-21	25-31
Boston	54	56	.491	17	4 ½	4-6	L-2	26-27	28-29

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	57	51	.528	—	—	5-5	L-1	31-25	26-26
Cleveland	56	52	.519	1	1 ½	6-4	W-2	29-22	27-30
Chicago	55	54	.505	2 ½	3	6-4	L-1	25-29	30-25
Kansas City	45	65	.409	13	13 ½	6-4	W-3	26-31	19-34
Detroit	43	67	.391	15	15 ½	3-7	L-1	26-30	17-37

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	70	40	.636	—	—	5-5	L-2	34-17	36-23
Seattle	59	52	.532	11 ½	—	5-5	L-1	29-26	30-26
Texas	48	60	.444	21	9 ½	4-6	L-1	23-31	25-29
Los Angeles	47	63	.427	23	11 ½	5-5	W-1	24-32	23-31
Oakland	41	69	.373	29	17 ½	4-6	L-3	17-36	24-33

BOX SCORES

GAME 1:

KANSAS CITY 4, CHI. WHITE SOX 2

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pollock lf	4	0	1	0	0	.239
Robert cf	4	0	1	0	0	.298
Jimenez dh	4	0	1	0	2	.285
Abreu 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.300
Vaughn rf	4	0	0	1	1	.298
Moncada 3b	3	0	0	1	1	.196
Garcia ss	3	0	0	0	0	.214
Harrison 2b	3	1	1	1	1	.242
Zavala c	2	0	1	0	1	.272
a-Sheets ph	1	0	0	0	1	.226
Grandal c	1	0	0	0	0	.192
TOTALS	33	2	7	2	8	
Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Melendez lf	4	0	0	0	2	.232
Eaton rf	4	0	0	0	0	.238
Witt Jr. 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.255
Perez c	3	1	1	0	1	.213
Pasquantino dh4	1	1	2	0	.227	
Taylor cf	4	1	2	0	0	.278
Massey 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.333
Pratto 1b	4	1	3	2	1	.222
Isbel rf-lf	4	0	0	0	3	.216
Lopez ss	3	0	1	0	0	.248
TOTALS	34	4	9	4	7	

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Kansas City 002 002 00x — 4 9 0

a-struck out for Zavala in the 8th.
E: Abreu (7). **LOB:** Chicago 7, Kansas City 7. **2B:** Vaughn (21), Pratto (4).
HR: Harrison (6), off Singer; Pasquantino (4), off Lynn; Pratto (3), off Lynn.
RBI: Harrison (21), Moncada (31), Pasquantino 2(8), Pratto 2(7).
SF: Moncada.
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 3(Grandal, Jimenez, Abreu); Kansas City 3(Lopez, Isbel, Melendez).
RISP: CHW 0for 5; KC1for 7.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynn, L-2-5	6	7	4	4	5	5	5.88
Kelly	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.18
Foster	1	2	0	0	0	1	4.40

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Singer, W-5-4	7 ½	5	1	1	0	6	3.49
Barlow, H, 5	½	0	0	0	0	1	2.19
Coleman, H, 10	½	2	1	1	0	0	2.98
Cuas, S, 1-1	½	0	0	0	0	1	3.09

Pitches-Strikes: Lynn 90-59; Kelly 10-7; Foster 13-10; Singer 99-71; Barlow 11-8; Coleman 13-8; Cuas 9-6.
Batters Faced: Lynn 27; Kelly 3; Foster 5; Singer 28; Barlow 2; Coleman 4; Cuas 2.
Inherited runners-scored: Barlow 2-0; Cuas 2-0. **HBP:** Singer (Harrison), Coleman (Garcia).
Umpires: Home, Jerry Meals; First, Clint Vondrak; Second, Malachi Moore; Third, Vic Carapazza. **Time:** 2:36.

LATE MONDAY:

L.A. ANGELS 1, OAKLAND 0

LA Angels	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Fletcher ss-2b	4	0	2	0	1	.239
Ward rf	4	0	1	0	1	.273
Renfugio 2b-3b	4	1	2	1	0	.275
Adell lf	3	0	0	0	1	.234
Duggar lf	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Stassi dh	3	0	0	0	1	.212
Walsh 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.228
Suzuki c	3	0	0	0	1	.195
Gosselin 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.119
Velazquez ss	3	0	0	0	0	.173
Sierra cf	3	0	0	0	0	.194
TOTALS	30	1	5	1	7	
Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Bride 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.224
Pinder lf	3	0	0	0	0	.240
a-Kemp ph	1	0	0	0	1	.211
Murphy c	4	0	0	0	0	.248
Laureano rf	4	0	0	0	1	.217
Andrus ss	3	0	1	0	0	.241
Brown 1b	2	0	0	0	2	.237
Piscotty dh	3	0	0	0	1	.198
Allen 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.206
Bolt cf	3	0	0	0	1	.210
TOTALS	29	0	2	0	8	

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Oakland	000	000	000	—	0	2	0

a-flied out for Pinder in the 9th.
LOB: Los Angeles 2, Oakland 4.
HR: Renfugio (6), off Irvin.
RBI: Renfugio (24). **SB:** Andrus (7).
Runners left in scoring position: Los Angeles 0; Oakland 2(Pinder, Brown).
RISP: Los Angeles 0for 1; Oakland 0for 2. **GIDP:** Renfugio, Stassi.
DP: Oakland 2(Allen, Andrus, Brown; Allen, Andrus, Brown).

LA ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suarez, W, 4-4	7	2	0	0	2	8	4.04
Loup, H, 12	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.24
Tepera, S, 2-6	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.95

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Irvin, L, 6-9	8	5	1	1	0	6	2.92
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.93

Pitches-Strikes: Suarez 97-67; Loup 9-7; Tepera 6-3; Irvin 94-69; Jackson 15-10.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Suarez 6-3; Loup 2-0; Tepera 1-2; Irvin 12-4; Jackson 0-1.
Batters Faced: Suarez 25; Loup 3; Tepera 3; Irvin 27; Jackson 3.

Umpires: Home, Rob Drake; First, Shane Livensparger; Second, Todd Tichenor; Third, Mike Estabrook. **Time:** 2:14. **A:** 5,440(46,847).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Arraez Min.	97	365	59	120	.329
Devers Bos	93	373	64	117	.314
Gurriel Jr. Tor	98	362	47	113	.312
Bogaerts Bos	105	389	59	121	.311
Benintendi NYY	104	381	45	117	.307
Judge NYY	106	403	91	122	.303
Franco Sea	92	364	41	110	.302
T.Anderson CHW	79	332	50	100	.301
J.Abreu CHW	106	406	59	122	.300
Alvarez Hou	93	323	69	97	.300

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 44; Alvarez, Houston, 30; Rizzo, New York, 27; Buxton, Minnesota, 26; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Stanton, New York, 24; Devers, Boston, 24; Seager, Texas, 24; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 24.
Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 98; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 87; Alvarez, Houston, 73; A.Garcia, Texas, 70; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 68; Tucker, Houston, 67; Rizzo, New York, 66.
Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 15-3; Cease, Chicago, 12-4; Manohar, Toronto, 12-5; Taillon, New York, 11-2; F.Valdez, Houston, 10-4; Urquidy, Houston, 10-4; Gilbert, Seattle, 10-5; McCleanahan, Tampa Bay, 10-5; M.Perez, Texas, 9-2; Cortes, New York, 9-3.
through Monday

LATE MONDAY:

BALTIMORE 7, TORONTO 4

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield cf	5	0	1	0	1	.244
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.288
Kirk dh	5	0	2	0	0	.300
1-Lopez pr	0	0	0	0	0	—
Hernandez rf	5	0	1	0	1	.274
Bichette ss	5	1	1	0	0	.261
Chapman 3b	3	2	2	1	0	.242
Tapia lf	4	0	3	1	0	.280
Jansen c	2	0	0	1	0	.215
Biggio 2b	3	1	1	1	2	.223
TOTALS	37	4	12	4	5	
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McKenna rf	4	0	1	0	0	.257
Rutschman c	2	2	0	0	0	.254
Santander dh	3	1	2	1	1	.259
Mountcastle 1b3	2	2	2	2	0	.255
Urbina 2b-3b	4	1	1	3	0	.245
Hays lf	4	2	1	1	1	.261
Mateo ss	3	0	1	0	1	.221
Mullins cf	3	0	0	0	1	.258
Nevin 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.204
Odor 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.192
TOTALS	29	7	9	7	5	

Toronto	001	001	020	— <th>4<th>12<th>0</th></th></th>	4 <th>12<th>0</th></th>	12 <th>0</th>	0
Baltimore	302	001	01x	— <th>7<th>9<th>2</th></th></th>	7 <th>9<th>2</th></th>	9 <th>2</th>	2

1-ran for Kirk in the 9th. **E:** Krehbiel (1), Mateo (13). **LOB:** Toronto 10, Baltimore 2. **HR:** Biggio (3), off Lyles; Chapman (22), off Lyles; Urias (12), off Kikuchi; Santander (20), off Kikuchi; Mountcastle (15), off Kikuchi; Hays (13), off Thornton. **RBI:** Biggio (16), Chapman (59), Tapia (38), Jansen (24), Urias (34), Santander (60), Mountcastle 2(54), Hays (48). **CS:** Mateo (6). **SF:** Jansen. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tor 3(Bichette, Jansen, Merrifield); Bal 1 (Hays). **RISP:** Tor 1for 7; Bal 2for 5. **Runners moved up:** Urias. **GIDP:** Hernandez, Bichette, Urias, Rutschman. **DP:** Tor 3(Bichette, Biggio, Guerrero Jr.; Chapman, Biggio, Guerrero Jr.; Bichette, Biggio, Guerrero Jr.); Bal 2(Urias, Odor, Mountcastle; Odor, Mateo, Mountcastle).

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kikuchi, L, 4-6	5	6	5	5	3	4	5.13
Thornton	2	1	1	1	0	1	4.28
Richards	1	2	1	1	0	1	5.27

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles, W, 9-8	5 ½	8	2	2	2	1	4.35
Perez, H, 17	½	0	0	0	0	1	1.14
Tate	½	2	2	2	0	2	2.56
Krehbiel, H, 9	½	1	0	1	0	1	2.27
Bautista, S, 5-6	½	1	0	0	0	1	1.72

Inherited runners-scored: Thornton 1-0, Perez 1-0, Krehbiel 2-2, Bautista 2-0.
Umpires: HP, Jordan Baker; 1B, Ryan Addison; 2B, Nick Mahrley; 3B, Mark Carlson. **Time:** 2:55. **A:** 12,671(45,971).

LATE MONDAY:

ARIZONA 3, PITTSBURGH 0

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Marcano lf	3	0	0	0	3	.233
Newman 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.266
Reynolds cf	3	0	1	0	1	.255
Gamel dh	3	0	1	0	0	.244
Chavis 3b-1b	3	0	1	0	1	.255
Madriz 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.199
a-Allen ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	.155
Cruz ss	3	0	0	0	0	.200
Mitchell rf	2	0	0	0	0	.200
b-Hayes ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	.245
Delay c	2	0	0	0	1	.268
c-VanMeter ph	1	0	0	0	1	.181
TOTALS	27	0	3	0	11	
Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rojas 3b	4	1	1	0	0	.271
Thomas cf	4	0	1	0	0	.254
Marte 2b	4	0	1	2	1	.261
Walker 1b	3	0	1	0	0	.198
Varsho rf	4	0	0	0	2	.241
McCarthy lf	2	0	0	0	1	.254
Beer dh	3	0	1	0	0	.202
1-Alcantara dh	0	0	0	0	0	.208
C.Kelly c	2	0	0	0	0	.222
Perdomo ss	3	2	1	0	0	.201

Pittsburgh	000	000	000	—	0	3
Arizona	000	001	02x	—	3	6

a-struck out for Madris in the 8th.
b-struck out for Mitchell in the 8th.
c-struck out for Delay in the 9th. 1-ran for Beer in the 8th.
E: Chavis (5). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 3, Arizona 5. **Marte:** Walker (14).
RBI: Marte 2(39). **SB:** McCarthy (6), Perdomo (5).
CS: Thomas (3), Madris (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Pittsburgh 1(Chavis); Arizona 4(Varsho 3, Beer).
RISP: Pittsburgh 0for 1; Arizona 3for 9.
GIDP: Cruz, Thomas. **DP:** Pittsburgh 1 (Newman, Cruz, Madris); Arizona 1 (Perdomo, Walker).

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Beebe	3 ½	2	0	0	1	2	3.57
Banuelos, L, 0-1	2	1	1	0	0	1	5.23
De Los Santos	½	0	0	0	0	1	3.51
Y.Ramirez	1	3	2	2	1	0	6.00

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallen, W, 7-2	7	3	0	0	2	8	3.1
Mantiply, H, 14	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.0

SPORTS

JETS
Saleh: Becton's season likely over after knee injury

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — New York Jets right tackle Mekhi Becton will “more than likely” miss the entire season because of another injury to his surgically repaired right knee, coach Robert Saleh announced Tuesday.

Becton was having a second evaluation after suffering a chip fracture to his kneecap, Saleh confirmed, during the second play of 11-on-11 team drills Monday. The initial prognosis was optimistic, but an MRI later in the day revealed more damage to the knee than first expected.

“It’s probably the inevitable,” Saleh said of the severity of the injury. “I’m just sick for Mekhi.”

When asked to clarify if Becton’s season appears over, Saleh said: “Yeah, it’s more than likely.”

The 6-foot-7 Becton, entering his third NFL season, injured the same knee last year in the opening game at Carolina and missed the rest of the season. The latest injury is new and not related to the one last year when he suffered a dislocated right kneecap and cartilage damage.

“Everything happens for a reason,” Becton wrote on his Instagram page. “I know God and my Grandma got me up there I JUST KNOW IT! TRUST!#IMSTILL-HIM.”

Becton was run-blocking at right tackle Monday when he went down on the grass and immediately grabbed at his knee. The 2020 first-round draft pick was down a few moments before trying to get up, but needed assistance from trainers to walk off the field.

He took off his pads and eventually walked very gingerly on his own to the locker room with a noticeable limp.

“It just sucks, man,” quarterback Zach Wilson said.

It’s another major setback for Becton, who was adjusting to moving to right tackle this season after previously playing on the left side. George Fant, who slid over from right tackle and played well in Becton’s place, is slotted as the starter on the left side.

Becton appeared to be making strides at right tackle in recent practices, but began wearing a brace on his right knee late last week. His weight — he’s listed at 363 pounds after reportedly ballooning to 400 last year — was also a popular target of criticism for some fans and media. That only increased when Becton chose to not report for voluntary offseason workouts, instead opting to stay with his pregnant girlfriend and work out with his personal trainer.

Notes: The Jets signed guards Caleb Benenoch and Chris Glaser, and waived OL Parker Ferguson and DL Hamilcar Rashed Jr. ... CBDJ Reed, RB Ty Johnson and DE Vinny Curry all sat out practice with hamstring injuries. ... CB Brandon Echols (undisclosed) also didn’t practice.

UConn

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with five different teams — the San Diego Chargers, New Orleans Saints, San Francisco 49ers, Atlanta Falcons and Seattle Seahawks — gives a sense that dreams of the next level are only more possible with him at the helm.

“(Mora) just really cares about us, to be honest,” Swenson said. “He’s been to the league, he’s been at UCLA and now he’s here. He’s got so much experience, he knows how to do things the right way.”

Swenson has played with Mitchell, the team’s leading tackler in 2021, since 2019. Now adding Marquez Bembry, a graduate transfer from Kentucky, the linebacker position is as veteran as it comes for UConn.

“(Mitchell and I) have had great chemistry and we’re just building off of that,” Swenson said. “I know he’s

gonna do his job, I know I’m gonna do my job, and everyone around me is gonna do their job.

The energy and attitude around the program is in stark contrast to the way UConn has been looked at among the rest of the FBS. That doubt still exists on the outside, but inside the facilities and within the program, the view is the opposite. The UConn season begins at Utah State on Aug. 27, less than three weeks from now.

“We’re all getting along well. The locker room is phenomenal, especially on the defensive side,” Swenson said. “We’re just taking it one day at a time. Getting better and getting ready for that (first game).”

Quarterback competition needs more time: Since former starting quarterback Steven Krajewski transferred to Georgia State last spring, the position has been up in the air. Penn State transfer Ta’Quan Roberson impressed

during spring ball, but the other contenders weren’t able to participate.

Cale Millen transferred in from Northern Arizona, Zion Turner came as a freshman after graduating from St. Thomas Aquinas High in Florida, and Tyler Phommachanh was nursing the knee injury that ended his 2021 season with the Huskies.

The competition hasn’t developed much since the start of camp. Reps with the first team are still being divided and none of the quarterbacks have pulled away from the pack.

“Every day it just looks a little bit different,” Mora said. “There’s some good things that they’re all doing, each of them has some things that they do really well, and they each have some things that they struggle with. We’re still sorting through that.”

Mora noted that he wants to make the decision soon but will not choose his starter until it is as clear as possible.



Mac Jones looks at a play in the huddle during Patriots training camp on Tuesday in Foxborough, Massachusetts. **NANCY LANE/BOSTON HERALD**

PATRIOTS

Jones sounds resigned to sticking with new offense

By Karen Guregian
Boston Herald

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The last time Mac Jones spoke with the media, he talked about how much he hated losing to the defense during practice.

At that point a week ago, the losses were coming every day, in every 11-on-11 period. And the frustration level appeared to be soaring with the second-year Patriots quarterback.

Jones said the daily poor performances, from himself included, was like taking a shot to the heart every time he walked off the field.

Even after a weekend off, the offense looked no better on Monday. In fact, it was worse than the previous week.

It was so woeful, people wondered when, or if, Bill Belichick would pull the plug on the new offense, with all of its new wrinkles, or at least, bail on some of the changes.

That’s how bad it’s looked the past few weeks.

But after hitting rock bottom, Jones and the offense rose off the mat on Tuesday and had a better day. Not markedly better. Just better.

The run game, typically stopped in its tracks, found some daylight with both Damien Harris and Rhamondre Stevenson getting free. The offense, as a whole, seemed a bit sharper.

And that allowed everyone to breathe a bit and gain a bit of confidence in what they’re doing in adapting to a different scheme, with a set of new coaches who have never coached offense before.

It wasn’t a night-and-day type improvement, but Jones sounded and looked like a different man.

“We’re close,” he said following the

workout, when asked to assess the offense. “We just gotta get there, and buy in, and trust it, and do what we’re supposed to do, and do our job.”

Maybe it’s reached the stage where Jones & Co. are just resigned to the fact this is how it’s going to be, and are trying to make the most of it. Maybe the unorthodox three-headed coaching contingent of Belichick, Matt Patricia and Joe Judge have made it clear they’re going to stick with the new offense, so they better learn and adapt, or bust.

Whatever the case, Jones clearly changed his tune. Or had someone strongly suggest that would be the better course.

After a brutal stretch of practice sessions that left him stewing with his head down on the sideline, Jones was clearly more upbeat, speaking about the trials and tribulations of the offense.

Practically every word Jones uttered had a positive spin.

Since he’s now the leader of the offense, it was a welcome change.

The team won’t embrace the new offense if the quarterback doesn’t. It seems Jones received that message loud and clear.

He was adamant about making the new offense work. There was no hesitation. That was the constant theme in practically every answer. It was almost like Jones having a personal pep rally.

“I’m going to figure it out. I always have, and I always will,” he said. “At the end of the day, you’re going to have your ups and downs with anything new, but I’ve learned a lot of different systems, and the guys around me have too.

“We know what football looks like,” he went on. “We know what a good play looks like and the schematics behind it. It’s not just the result, it’s the process of how it looks.”

GIANTS

O-line coach offers apology for shoving Brown during team fight

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Giants offensive line coach Bobby Johnson apologized publicly on Tuesday for shoving linebacker Cam Brown during Monday’s fight.

“The incident yesterday, I take full responsibility. I’m remorseful,” Johnson said. “It can’t happen. It won’t happen again. I’ve apologized to the appropriate people, in particular Cam. I have to be better than that. It’s not what we’re looking for. It’s a regrettable incident that can’t and won’t happen again.”

Brian Daboll said he did not impose any discipline or punishments on the players and coaches involved. But the head coach said “in no way do we condone” the fighting.

And Johnson implied he had received

a stiff warning, if not an ultimatum, from the head coach.

“It won’t happen again. It can’t happen again,” Johnson said. “[Daboll] addressed it, and he made it crystal clear. So it’s been addressed, and we’re moving on from it.”

Toney dialed in; Williams sits: Kadarious Toney’s 11-on-11 workload was dialed back for a fourth time in 11 practices. It didn’t appear this reduced workload was planned. He ran some routes in the jog-through but then came out for good and received some attention on the side.

Defensive tackle Leonard Williams, running back Matt Breida and defensive tackle Nick Williams were new additions to the did not practice list on Tuesday, as well. Breida worked on the field with trainers, while the Williams’ were in the trainers’ room, per the Giants.

UConn women’s basketball

Bueckers undergoes successful surgery to repair torn ACL

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Paige Bueckers underwent successful surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee last Friday at UConn Health, the UConn women’s basketball program announced Tuesday.

The star guard started rehab on Saturday. She will

be “regularly monitored by the UConn medical staff throughout her recovery.”

Bueckers suffered the injury during a pick-up basketball game last Monday and will be out for the upcoming 2022-23 season.

On Saturday, the rising junior shared a post on Instagram with a collection of photos and videos post surgery.

WNBA

Playoff races still going strong in final week; Sun, Las Vegas battling for the No. 2 seed

Associated Press

With one week left in the WNBA regular season, there’s still a lot to be decided as far as the post-season goes.

Six teams have clinched spots in the playoffs that begin next week although none of the seeds has been locked up just yet.

Chicago is in the driver’s seat for the No. 1 overall seed, just needing a combination of two more wins or Las Vegas losses to seal home-court advantage through the playoffs. The defending champions are looking to be the first to repeat since Los Angeles did it in 2001-02.

Las Vegas and Connecticut are battling for the No. 2 seed and potentially home-court in their semifinal series if both advance. Seattle and Washington sit a half game apart in the standings for the fourth and fifth seeds.

Dallas may be the only team that really has locked in its spot, clinching a playoff berth on Monday night. The Wings have won five straight and most likely will be the sixth seed.

The final two spots are totally up for grabs with five teams vying for them. Only one game separates seventh place Atlanta from No. 11 Los Angeles with all five teams

having three games to play each this week.

Travel woes for Sparks: The Los Angeles Sparks had a rough end to their road trip, getting stuck at a Washington airport overnight after their flight was delayed a few times and finally canceled.

WNBA players’ association president Nneka Ogwu-mike took to social media early Monday morning to bring light to the problem and then called upon the league to come up with a solution moving forward.

“We reiterate our standing invitation to the league and team ownership to work together to identify a manageable solution to this problem whose origins are complex, but remedy simple,” Ogwu-mike wrote. “It is time to permit teams to invest in charter flights between games, beginning with the entire 2022 WNBA playoffs, and continuing with a common sense, full-season solution beginning in 2023.”

The WNBA does not have chartered flights due to prohibitive costs, league commissioner Cathy Engelbert has said many times. Engelbert did say at the All-Star Game last month that the league would charter flights in the WNBA Finals.

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

CTL Playoffs—Quarterfinals
At Riverfront Park, Glastonbury
Winner's Bracket

NO. 3 ROCKIES VS. NO. 2 ANGELS, LATE
Elimination Bracket

NO. 7 DODGERS VS. NO. 6 ORIOLES, LATE

At Beehive Field, New Britain
Winner's Bracket

NO. 5 ROCK CATS VS. NO. 1 BLACK SOX, LATE

Elimination Bracket

NO. 9 KNIGHTS VS. NO. 4 AFTERSHOCK, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

CTL Playoffs—Semifinals
Elimination Bracket (at Riverfront Park, Glastonbury)

Knights Aftershock winner vs. Rock Cats/Black Sox loser, 6p.m.

Dodgers/Orioles winner vs. Rockies/Angels loser, 8p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

GHTL Playoffs—First Round (Double Elimination)

At Palmer Field, Middletown

NO. 8 CARDINALS VS. NO. 1 EXPOS, LATE

NO. 5 GRAPHICS VS. NO. 4 PEOPLE'S, LATE

At McKenna Field, East Hartford

NO. 7 COLTS VS. NO. 2 JETS, LATE

NO. 6 PHILLIES VS. NO. 3 ORIOLES, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

GHTL Playoffs—Quarterfinals (Double Elimination)

Winner's Bracket (at Palmer Field Middletown)

Colts/Jets winner vs. Phillies/Orioles winner, 6p.m.

Cardinals/Expos winner vs. Graphics/People's winner, 8p.m.

Elimination Bracket (at McKenna Field, East Hartford)

Colts/Jets loser vs. Phillies/Orioles loser, 6p.m.

Cardinals/Expos loser vs. Graphics/People's loser, 8p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings

Northests	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	62	39	.614	—
Hartford	61	40	.604	1
Portland	49	53	.480	13.5
New Hampshire	47	55	.461	15.5
Reading	45	57	.441	17.5

Binghamton	39	62	.386	23
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	60	41	.594	—
Akron	55	45	.55	4.5
Bowie	51	50	.505	9
Richmond	51	50	.505	9
Altoona	48	54	.471	12.5
Harrisburg	40	62	.392	20.5

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

HARTFORD AT SOMERSET, LATE
RICHMOND AT PORTLAND, LATE
READING AT HARRISBURG, LATE
ALTOONA AT BINGHAMTON, LATE
BOWIE AT AKRON, LATE
ERIE AT NEW HAMPSHIRE, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Erie at New Hampshire, 12p.m.
Hartford at Somerset, 6p.m.
Richmond at Portland, 6p.m.
Reading at Harrisburg, 6:30p.m.
Altoona at Binghamton, 6:30p.m.
Bowie at Akron, 6:30p.m.

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Standings	W	L	T	Pts
Eastern				
Louisville	15	3	4	49
Tampa Bay	14	3	6	48
Memphis	14	5	3	45
Pittsburgh	13	6	4	43
Birmingham	12	6	5	41
Detroit	9	5	8	35
Miami	9	7	7	34
Tulsa	7	12	4	25
Indy	6	12	4	22
Loudoun	5	14	3	18
Hartford	4	14	5	17
Atlanta	4	16	4	16
Charleston	3	16	4	13
New York	2	17	3	9
Western	W	L	T	Pts
San Antonio	16	4	2	50
San Diego	14	5	4	46
Colorado Springs	13	8	2	41
New Mexico	10	5	8	38
Sacramento	10	5	7	37
El Paso	9	10	6	33
Las Vegas	9	8	6	33
Los Angeles	9	11	4	31
Phoenix	8	10	5	29
Oakland	6	7	11	29
Rio Grande	7	11	5	26
Monterey Bay	8	11	2	26
Orange County	5	10	8	23

TUESDAY'S RESULT

ATLANTA UNITED II AT N.Y. RED BULLS II, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

FC Tulsa at The Miami FC, 7p.m.
Loudoun United FC at San Antonio FC, 9p.m.
Monterey Bay FC at San Diego Loyal SC, 10p.m.

Property of the Week

SUNDAYS IN CTHOME & Real Estate

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SCOREBOARD

SOCCKER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	12	3	9	45	41	18
New York City FC	12	5	6	42	43	24
CF Montréal	12	8	4	40	40	39
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	7	7	37	38	30
Columbus	8	6	9	33	31	26
Cincinnati	8	8	8	32	40	43
Chicago	8	10	6	30	27	30
Orlando City	8	10	6	30	27	36
Inter Miami CF	8	10	6	30	29	39
New England	7	7	9	30	35	34
Charlotte FC	9	13	2	29	30	34
Atlanta	7	9	7	28	31	34
Toronto FC	7	12	5	26	34	42
D.C. United	6	13	4	22	28	47
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA

Los Angeles FC	16	4	3	51	48	24
Austin FC	13	5	6	45	40	31
FC Dallas	9	7	9	36	34	27
Minnesota United	10	9	5	35	38	34
Real Salt Lake	9	8	7	34	31	33
Nashville	8	8	9	33	33	34
Portland	7	6	12	33	41	37
Seattle	10	12	2	32	31	29
LA Galaxy	9	11	3	30	32	32
Colorado	8	9	6	30	34	36
Vancouver	8	10	6	30	27	39
Houston	7	13	4	25	29	39
San Jose	5	10	9	24	39	47
Sporting KC	6	14	5	23	23	44

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY, ALL-STAR MATCH
Allianz Field, St. Paul, Minn.
MLS Stars vs. Liga MX Stars, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando City at N.Y. Red Bulls , 6p.m.
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at New England, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
New York City FC at Miami, 8p.m.
Sporting KC at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9p.m.
San Jose at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
CF Montréal at Houston, 9p.m.
Vancouver at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.
Charlotte FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Minnesota at Nashville, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Seattle, 10p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16
D.C. United at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17
N.Y. Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at New York City FC, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19
Seattle at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

MLS ALL-STAR ROSTER
FORWARDS/WINGERS
v-#17 Paul Arriola, FC Dallas
v-#20 Jesús Ferreira, FC Dallas
cp-#5 Taxiarchis Fountas, D.C. United
tc, cp-#14 Chicharito, LA Galaxy
cp-#13 Jordan Morris, Seattle FC
v-#9 Raúl Ruidíaz, Seattle FC
cp-#11 Carlos Vela, Los Angeles FC
v-#19 Brandon Vázquez, FC Cincinnati
MIDFIELDERS
cp-#32 Luciano Acosta, FC Cincinnati
v-#7 Sebastián Driussi, Austin FC
v-#10 Carlos Gil, New England
cp-#95 Hany Mukhtar, Nashville SC
cp-#6 Darlington Nagbe, Columbus
cp-#16 Emanuel Reynoso, Minnesota Utd
v-#8 Ilie Sánchez, Los Angeles FC

DEFENSE
v-#4 Julián Araujo, LA Galaxy
r-#23 Jakob Glesnes, Philadelphia
cp-#33 Aaron Long, N.Y. Red Bulls
cp-#3 Kamal Miller, CF Montréal
cp-#12 Diego Palacios, Los Angeles FC
v-#27 Kai Wagner, Philadelphia
cp-#2 DeAndre Yedlin, Inter Miami CF
v-#25 Walker Zimmerman, Nashville SC

GOALKEEPERS
v-#18 Andre Blake, Philadelphia
cmp-#1 Sean Johnson, New York City FC
cp-#97 Jayme St. Clair, Minnesota Utd
v-#59 Dine C. Sissoko, cp-commissioners pick;
cp-Coaches pick; tc-team captain

Coach: Adrian Heath, Minnesota

Players unavailable for the match
v-Alexander Callens, D, New York City FC
injured, replaced by Jakob Glesnes

NWSL CLUB

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	6	1	7	25	34	14
San Diego	7	4	4	25	21	13
Houston	7	4	3	24	26	17
Chicago	6	3	5	23	22	17
Kansas City	6	4	4	22	16	17
OL Reign	5	4	6	21	16	14
Angel City	5	5	3	18	14	16
Orlando	3	5	6	15	16	30
Nashville	2	6	7	13	16	22
Gotham FC	4	8	0	12	9	24
Washington	1	5	9	12	15	19
North Carolina	2	5	4	10	20	22

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Portland at Washington, 7:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Louisville at Houston, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Kansas City at North Carolina, 8p.m.
Orlando at San Diego, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Gotham FC at OL Reign, 3p.m.
Chicago at Angel City, 8p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17
Gotham FC at Houston, 8:30p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19
Angel City at Kansas City, 8p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Tottenham	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Bournemouth	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Man City	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Newcastle	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Brighton	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Chelsea	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Brentford	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Fulham	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Leicester	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Man United	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Wolverhampton	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Everton	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Notting. Forest	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
West Ham	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Southampton	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Aston Villa vs. Everton, 7:30a.m.
Arsenal vs. Leicester, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Newcastle, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Bournemouth, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Leeds, 10a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Fulham, 10a.m.
Brentford vs. Man United, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Notting. Forest vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
Chelsea vs. Tottenham, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 15
Liverpool vs. Crystal Palace, 3p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20
Wolverhampton vs. Tottenham, 7:30 a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m.
Nottingham Forest vs. Everton, 10a.m.
Brentford vs. Fulham, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Leicester City, 10a.m.
Arsenal vs. AFC Bournemouth, 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Chelsea vs. Leeds United, 9a.m.
Brighton vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
Manchester City vs. Newcastle, 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 22
Liverpool vs. Manchester United, 3 p.m.

TENNIS

NATIONAL BANK OPEN
Tuesday at Uniprix Stadium & Aviva Centre, Montreal, outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#8 Hubert Hurkacz vs. Emil Ruusuvuori, late
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#9 Cameron Norrie vs. Brandon Nakashima, late
#10 Taylor Fritz vs. Andy Murray, late
Pablo Carreno Busta d.
#11Matteo Berrettini, 6-3, 6-2.
#12 Diego Schwartzman vs. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, late
#13 Marin Cilic d. Borna Coric, 6-3, 6-2.
#14Roberto Bautista Agut d. Marcos Giron, 7-6(5), 6-3.
#15 Grigor Dimitrov d. Alexis Galarneau, 6-4, 7-5.
#17 Gael Monfils vs. Pedro Martinez, late
Tommy Paul d. Vasek Pospisil, 6-4, 6-4.
Maxime Cressy d. Aslan Karatsev, 6-4, 6-4.
Adrian Mannarino d. Arthur Rinderknech, 6-3, 6-3.
Daniel Evans d. Filip Krajinovic, 6-2, 1-6, 6-0.
Jack Draper d. Hugo Gaston, 6-2, 6-3.
Alex de Minaur d. Denis Shapovalov, 7-5, 7-6(4).
Nick Kyrgios d. Sebastian Baez, 6-4, 6-4.
Holger Rune d. Fabio Fognini, 6-3, 7-5.
Frances Tiafoe vs. Benjamin Bonzi, late
Yoshihito Nishioka vs. Benoit Paire, late
David Goffin vs. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, late
Botic Van De Zandschulp vs. Miomir Kecmanovic, late

Tuesday at Aviva Centre Stadium, Toronto, outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#3Maria Sakkari vs. Sloane Stephens, late
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
Camila Giorgi d. #9 Emma Raducanu, 7-6(0), 6-2.
#10 Coco Gauff d. Madison Brengle, 6-1, 6-3.
#11Daria Kasatkina vs. Bianca Andreescu, late
#12 Belinda Bencic d. Tereza Martincova, 6-4, 6-2.
Elise Mertens d. Anna Bondar, 7-6(2), 6-1.
Zheng Qinwen d. Rebecca Marino, 3-6, 7-6(5), 6-4.
Sara Sorribes Tormo d. Claire Liu, 7-6(4), 2-6, 7-6(5).
Ajla Tomljanovic d. Veronika Kudermetova, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6(3).
Amanda Anisimova d. Carol Zhao, 6-1, 6-3.
Zhang Shuai d. Cristina Bucsa, 6-1, 6-3.
Kaia Kanepi d. Naomi Osaka, 7-6(4), 3-0, retired.
LATE MONDAY, ROUND OF 64
#13 Leylah Fernandez d. Storm Sanders, 6-4, 6-7(2), 6-3.
Alison Riske-Amritraj d. Petra Kvitova, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Jil Teichmann d. Venus Williams, 6-2, 6-3.

WTA THOREAU TENNIS OPEN 125
Tuesday at The Thoreau Club, Concord, Mass., outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#2 Bernarda Pera d. Kayla Day, 6-4, 7-5.
#5 Viktorija Golubic vs. Ashlyn Krueger, late
Eva Lys d. #8 Kamilla Rakhimova, 6-4, 6-3.
Katie Volynets d. #7 Greet Minnen, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
Caty McNally d. Anastasia Gasanova, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Astra Sharm d. Renata Zarazua, 6-2, 6-3.
Katrina Scott d. Moyuka Uchijima, 6-1, 6-1.
Wang Qiang d. Mariam Bolkvadze, 6-1, 6-2.
Clara Tauson d. Katie Boulter, 6-2, 6-3.
Harmony Tan d. Kateryna Volodko, 6-3, 7-5.

WTA ROUR TOTAL WEEKS AS #1 RANKED PLAYER

PLAYER	DATE REACHED	WK
Steffi Graf	Aug 17, 1987	377
Martina Navratilova	Jul 10, 1978	332
Serena Williams	Jul 8, 2002	319
Chris Evert	Nov 3, 1975	260
Martina Hingis	Mar 31, 1997	209
Monica Seles	Mar 11, 1991	178
Ashleigh Barty	Jun 24, 1919	121
Justine Henin	Oct 20, 2003	117
Lindsay Davenport	Oct 12, 1998	98

WOMEN'S GRAND SLAM TITLES

#	PLAYER	AUS	FR	WM	US
24	Margaret Court	11	5	3	5
23	Serena Williams	7	3	7	6
22	Steffi Graf	4	6	7	5
19	Helen Williams Moody	0	4	8	7
18	Chris Evert	2	7	3	3
18	Martina Navratilova	3	2	9	4
12	Billie Jean King	1	1	6	4
9	Maureen Connolly	1	2	3	3
9	Monica Seles	4	3	0	2
8	Suzanne Lenglen	0	2	6	0
8	Molla Bjurstedt Mallory	0	0	8	0
7	D. Lambert Chambers	0	0	7	0
7	Maria Bueno	0	0	3	4
7	Evonne Goolagong	4	1	2	0
7	Justine Henin	1	4	0	2
7	Venus Williams	0	0	5	2
6	Blanche B. Hillyard	0	0	6	0
6	Margaret Osborne	0	2	1	3
6	Nancye Wynne Bolton	6	0	0	0
6	Louise Brough	1	0	4	1
6	Doris Hart	1	2	1	2
5	Lottie Dod	0	0	5	0
5	Charlotte C. Sterry	0	0	5	0
5	Daphne Akhurst	5	0	0	0
5	Helen Jacobs	0	0	1	4
5	Alice Marble	0	0	1	4
5	Pauline Betz	0	0	1	4
5	Althea Gibson	0	1	2	2
5	Martina Hingis	3	0	1	1
5	Maria Sharapova	1	2	1	1

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WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	25	8	.758	—
x-Connecticut	22	11	.667	.3
x-Washington	20	14	.588	.5½
Atlanta	14	19	.424	11
New York	13	20	.394	12
Indiana	5	29	.147	20½
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Las Vegas	23	10	.697	—
x-Seattle	20	13	.606	.3
x-Dallas	17	16	.515	6
Phoenix	14	19	.424	9
Minnesota	13	20	.394	10
Los Angeles	13	20	.394	10

x-clinched playoff spot

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle at Chicago, late
Atlanta at Las Vegas, late
Connecticut at Los Angeles, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
New York at Dallas, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Las Vegas, 10p.m.
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Indiana, 7p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 9p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULT
Dallas 86, New York 77

CAREER REG. SEASON POINTS

PLAYER	PTS	PPG	G	F%
Diana Taurasi	9693	19.3	503	.427
Tina Thompson	7488	15.1	496	.418
Tamika Catchings	7380	16.1	457	.415
Tina Charles	7074	18.2	388	.450
Candice Dupree	6895	14.0	494	.495
Cappie Pondexter	6811	16.4	416	.422
Sue Bird	6783	11.8	577	.429
Katie Smith	6452	13.4	482	.404
Candace Parker	6379	16.4	389	.479
Sylvia Fowles	6376	15.7	405	.600

through Monday; basketball-reference

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	11	27
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Las Vegas	1	0	0	1.000	27	11
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Brown’s name off Bengals’ stadium

The home of the Bengals will no longer carry the name of team founder and NFL pioneer Paul Brown. Paycor, a Cincinnati-based provider of human resources software, has bought the naming rights to the stadium in a deal announced Tuesday. The venue will be known as Paycor Stadium. Team owner Mike Brown — the 86-year-old son of Paul Brown — told reporters last month that selling the naming rights was necessary for the Bengals to be able to compete as a small-market team. Lambeau Field, home of the Packers, and Soldier Field, home of the Bears, are now the two remaining NFL stadiums that don’t carry the name of a paid sponsor. The Bengals’ stadium beside the Ohio River has been known as Paul Brown Stadium since it replaced Riverfront Stadium as the Bengals’ home in 2000. Paul Brown was a legendary figure in Ohio and beyond. He coached at Massillon High School in north-eastern Ohio and Ohio State briefly before World War II, then led the Browns from 1946 to 1963. Brown became part of the ownership group as a well as the GM and coach of the expansion Bengals, initially an AFL team that began play in 1968. Brown retired in 1975 after 45 years of coaching but stayed on as team president until his death in 1991.

Durant reiterates desire for trade



Kevin Durant has again told Nets owner Joe Tsai that he wants to be traded, reiterating a request he first made nearly six weeks ago, The Athletic reported Monday night. Durant also told Tsai that he has concerns about the Nets’ direction under coach Steve Nash and GM Sean Marks. “Our front office and coaching staff have my support,” Tsai tweeted Monday night. “We will make decisions in the best interest of the Brooklyn Nets.” This is the latest phase of a saga that began June 30, when Durant told the Nets he wanted a trade just as this summer’s free agent period was beginning. Durant isn’t a free agent; he has four years and \$198 million remaining on his contract with the Nets, who will undoubtedly demand a haul of players and draft picks in any trade agreement for the 12-time All-Star, four-time scoring champion, three-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time NBA champion. Durant, 33, has spent three seasons with the Nets, not playing in the first of those years while he recovered from a torn Achilles. He averaged 29.9 points in 55 games last season.

No FedEx Cup playoffs for LIV trio

A federal judge in California ruled three golfers who joined Saudi-backed LIV Golf will not be able to compete in the PGA Tour’s postseason. Judge Beth Labson Freeman made her decision Tuesday afternoon in San Jose after attorneys for the sides each spoke for about an hour. Freeman said she didn’t consider the golfers faced irreparable harm because of the big money they were guaranteed by joining LIV, a key issue in the case. The three suspended golfers were seeking a temporary restraining order, which Freeman denied. Talor Gooch, Matt Jones and Hudson Swafford claimed they should be able to play where they want to, each saying in letters last month to the PGA, “I am a free agent and independent contractor.” They are among 10 players who filed an antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour last week — including Phil Mickelson. The first of three FedEx Cup playoff events begin Thursday, thus the urgency for Freeman to rule. This case could go to trial next year. Gooch (No. 20), Jones (No. 65) and Swafford (No. 67) are among nine players who have joined LIV Golf and finished the regular season among the top 125 in the FedEx Cup standings. The other six who joined the rival series aren’t asking to play in the tour’s postseason. —AP



In an essay written for Vogue, Serena Williams said she’s ready to step away from tennis to fully focus on her family and business interests. The 41-year-old has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, one short of record-holder Margaret Court. **AP FILE**

TENNIS

‘Countdown has begun’

Williams ready to retire, most likely after US Open

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

Serena Williams, winner of 23 Grand Slam singles titles, announced Tuesday she is ready to step away from tennis so she can turn her focus to having another child and her business interests, presaging the end of a career that transcended sports.

In an essay released Tuesday by Vogue magazine, and a post on Instagram — the sorts of direct-to-fans communication favored these days by celebrities, a category she most definitely fits — Williams was not completely clear on the timeline for her last match, but she made it sound as if that could be at the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 29 in New York.

“There comes a time in life when we have to decide to move in a different direction. That time is always hard when you love something so much. My goodness do I enjoy tennis. But now, the countdown has begun,” Williams, who turns 41 next month, wrote on Instagram. “I have to focus on being a mom, my spiritual goals and finally discovering a different, but just (as) exciting Serena. I’m gonna relish these next few weeks.”

Williams, one of the greatest and most accomplished athletes in the history of her — or any other — sport, wrote in the essay that she does not like the word “retirement” and prefers to think of this stage of her life as “evolving away from tennis, toward other things that are important to me.”

“I feel a great deal of pain. It’s the hardest thing that I could ever imagine. I hate it. I hate that I have to be at this crossroads,” she wrote. “I keep saying to myself, I wish it could be easy for me, but it’s not. I’m torn: I don’t want it to be over, but at the same time I’m ready for what’s next.”

That she would be publicly contemplating the end of her playing days is not all that surprising to anyone, given her age — her 10 Grand Slam titles after turning 30 are unsurpassed — her history of injuries and her recent record: one victory in a singles match

in the past 12 months (that win arrived Monday in Toronto; she is scheduled to play again Wednesday).

Her status as an athlete, and a groundbreaker, is obvious to everyone. “Serena Williams is a generational, if not multi-generational, talent who had a profound impact on the game of tennis, but an even greater influence on women in sports, business and society. At a time when our nation and the world have wrestled with essential issues of identity, Serena has stood as a singular exemplar of the best of humanity after breaking through countless barriers to her participation and ultimate success,” U.S. Open tournament director Stacey Allaster said. “She leaves an indelible legacy of grace and grit that will inspire athletes, female and male, for many generations to come. We can’t thank her enough for all she has done for our sport.”

U.S. Tennis Association spokesman Chris Widmaier said the organization would “will be operating under the assumption that this will be Serena Williams’ last U.S. Open.”

It is the year’s final Grand Slam event and one she has won six times, most recently in 2014, to go along with seven titles apiece at Wimbledon and the Australian Open, plus three at the French Open, across a career remarkable for its peaks and its longevity.

She also owns 14 Grand Slam doubles championships, all won with her older sister, Venus, part of a remarkable tale of two siblings from Compton, California, who grew up to both be ranked No. 1, win dozens of trophies and dominate tennis for stretches — a story told in the Oscar-winning film “King Richard.”

Venus, who’s 42 and still competing, was the first in the family to break through, reaching her first Grand Slam final at the 1997 U.S. Open. But it was Serena who soon surpassed her sister, winning the 1999 U.S. Open at age 17 and then going on to add 22 more such triumphs (Venus won seven major singles titles), eventually establishing herself as a one-of-a-kind superstar, known for far more than her talent with a racket in hand.

The younger Williams was armed with as effective a serve as there’s ever been, powerful forehands and backhands, instincts and speed that allowed

her to cover every inch of a court and switch from defense to offense in a blink, and an enviable will to win. That unflinching desire to be the best helped make her the best — and also sometimes got her into trouble with chair umpires during matches, most infamously during the 2018 U.S. Open final she lost to Naomi Osaka.

The official Twitter feed for Wimbledon posted this message Tuesday above a photo of Williams: “Some play the game. Others change it.”

“I don’t like to think about my legacy. ... But I’d like to think that thanks to opportunities afforded to me, women athletes feel that they can be themselves on the court,” Williams wrote. “They can play with aggression and pump their fists. They can be strong yet beautiful. They can wear what they want and say what they want and kick butt and be proud of it all.”

The American has won more Grand Slam singles titles in the professional era than any other woman or man.

Only one player, Margaret Court, collected more, 24, although the Australian won a portion of hers in the amateur era.

“I’d be lying if I said I didn’t want that record. Obviously I do. But day to day, I’m really not thinking about her,” Williams said. “Maybe I thought about it too much, and that didn’t help.”

But, Williams went on to write, “These days, if I have to choose between building my tennis resume and building my family, I choose the latter.”

She and her husband, Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian, have a daughter, Olympia, who turns 5 on Sept. 1.

“Believe me, I never wanted to have to choose between tennis and a family. I don’t think it’s fair,” said Williams, who was pregnant when she won the 2017 Australian Open for her last Grand Slam trophy. “If I were a guy, I wouldn’t be writing this because I’d be out there playing and winning while my wife was doing the physical labor of expanding our family.”

Williams said she and Ohanian want to have a second baby, and wrote: “I definitely don’t want to be pregnant again as an athlete. I need to be two feet into tennis or two feet out.”

AT A GLANCE

Slams story stands as one for the ages

By Howard Fendrich | Associated Press

Serena Williams has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles along with 14 major championships in doubles, all with her older sister, Venus, plus four Olympic gold medals, dozens of other trophies and millions of dollars. An overview:

- GRAND SLAM TITLE NO. 1:** Williams claimed her first Grand Slam title at age 17 by beating Martina Hingis 6-3, 7-6 (4) in the U.S. Open final on Sept. 11, 1999, becoming the first Black woman to win a major tennis championship since Althea Gibson in 1958. The next day, Serena and Venus defeated Chanda Rubin and Sandrine Testud 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 in the doubles final for the first of their 14 women’s doubles Grand Slam trophies as a pair.
- GRAND SLAM 2:** Serena beat Venus 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the 2002 French Open, the first time in 11 Grand Slam matches between two sisters in the professional era that the younger one won.
- GRAND SLAM 3:** Serena Williams again beat her sister in an all-in-the-family final at a major tournament, winning 7-6 (4), 6-3 against two-time defending champion Venus at Wimbledon in 2002.
- GRAND SLAM 4:** A third consecutive all-Williams major final produced a third consecutive title for Serena, this time via a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Venus in the 2002 U.S. Open final.
- GRAND SLAM 5:** Wrapping up a so-called “Serena Slam” — four major titles in a row — Serena beat Venus yet again in the 2003 Australian Open final. The score was 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4. That made Serena the fifth woman to hold all four Grand Slam titles at once, adding to the titles she won in 2002 at the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open.
- GRAND SLAM 6:** Serena successfully defended her Wimbledon title in 2003, defeating her sister 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; Venus was bothered by a strained abdominal muscle.
- GRAND SLAM 7:** After missing time because of surgery on her left knee, Williams came back to beat Lindsay Davenport 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 in the 2005 Australian Open final.
- GRAND SLAM 8:** Again returning after being sidelined for a stretch because of her knee, Williams overwhelmed Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-2 in the 2007 Australian Open final. Williams was ranked just 81st after missing much of the previous season and became only the second unseeded woman in the professional era to win the Australian Open.
- GRAND SLAM 9:** Williams won her third U.S. Open title by getting past Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 7-5 in the 2008 final.
- GRAND SLAM 10:** A 6-0, 6-3 defeat of Dinara Safina gave Williams her fourth Australian Open trophy in 2009.
- GRAND SLAM 11:** Serena beat Venus 7-6 (3), 6-2 in the 2009 singles final at the All England Club for her third Wimbledon title.
- GRAND SLAM 12:** A 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Justine Henin in the 2010 final gave Williams her fifth Australian Open championship.
- GRAND SLAM 13:** Williams defeated Vera Zvonareva 6-3, 6-2 in the 2010 Wimbledon final for her fourth title at the All England Club.
- GRAND SLAM 14:** Williams ended a two-year Grand Slam drought at Wimbledon in 2012 with a 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 win against Agnieszka Radwanska in the final.
- GRAND SLAM 15:** Two points from defeat, Williams turned things around and grabbed the last four games to edge Victoria Azarenka 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 for the 2012 U.S. Open title, her fourth at Flushing Meadows.
- GRAND SLAM 16:** A year after her early exit at Roland Garros, and more than a decade after her first title there, Williams won the 2013 French Open by beating defending champion Sharapova 6-4, 6-4 in the final.
- GRAND SLAM 17:** Williams beat Azarenka in a three-set final in New York again, 7-5, 6-7 (6), 6-1, to collect a fifth U.S. Open title in 2013.
- GRAND SLAM 18:** Never dropping more than three games in a set, including a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Caroline Wozniacki in the final, Williams equaled Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova with 18 major championships by capturing the 2014 U.S. Open.
- GRAND SLAM 19:** Williams beat Sharapova 6-3, 7-6 (5) in the 2015 Australian Open final to improve to 6-0 in title matches at Melbourne Park.
- GRAND SLAM 20:** Williams overcame a lingering illness to defeat Lucie Safarova 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-2 in the 2015 French Open final for a third trophy in Paris.
- GRAND SLAM 21:** Williams stretched her Grand Slam winning streak to 28 matches and completed a second “Serena Slam” of four majors in a row by beating Garbine Muguruza 6-4, 6-4 in the 2015 Wimbledon final.
- GRAND SLAM 22:** Williams equaled Steffi Graf’s record for most Grand Slam titles in the professional era (also known as the Open era, it began in 1968) by collecting No. 22 at Wimbledon in 2016 with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Angelique Kerber in the final. It was a seventh Wimbledon trophy for Williams.
- GRAND SLAM 23:** Williams surpassed Graf by getting record No. 23 at the 2017 Australian Open with a win, fittingly, against Venus in the final, 6-4, 6-4.



Serena Williams claimed a fourth straight Grand Slam title at the 2003 Australian Open. **AP FILE**

BUSINESS

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Auto industry critical of bill's EV federal tax credit

Inflation Reduction Act says vehicle must contain battery built in North America

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — A tax credit of up to \$7,500 could be used to defray the cost of an electric vehicle under the Inflation Reduction Act now moving toward final approval in Congress.

But the auto industry is warning that the vast majority of EV purchases won't qualify for a tax credit that large.

That's mainly because of the bill's requirement that, to qualify for the credit, an electric vehicle must contain a battery built in North America with minerals mined or recycled on the continent.

And those rules become more stringent over time — to the point where, in a few years, it's possible that no EVs would qualify for the tax credit, says John Bozzella, CEO of the Alliance of Automotive Innovation, a key industry trade group. As of now, the alliance estimates that about 50 of the 72 electric, hydrogen or plug-in hybrid models that are sold in the United States wouldn't meet the requirements.

"The \$7,500 credit might exist on paper," Bozzella said in a statement, "but no vehicles will qualify for this purchase over the next few years."

The idea behind the requirement is to incentivize domestic manufacturing and mining, build a robust battery supply chain in North America and lessen the industry's dependence on overseas supply chains that could be subject to disruptions.

Production of lithium and other minerals that are used to produce EV batteries is now dominated by China. And the world's leading producer of cobalt, another component of the EV batteries, is Congo.

Though electric vehicles are part of a global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, they require metallic elements known as rare earths, found in places like Myanmar, where an Associated Press investigation has found that the push for green energy has led to environmental destruction.

Under the \$740 billion economic package, which passed the Senate on Sunday and is nearing approval in the House, the

tax credits would take effect next year.

For an EV buyer to qualify for the full credit, 40% of the metals used in a vehicle's battery must come from North America. By 2027, that required threshold would reach 80%.

If the metals requirement isn't met, the automaker and its buyers would be eligible for half the tax credit, \$3,750.

A separate rule would require that half the batteries' value must be manufactured or assembled in the North America. If not, the rest of the tax credit would be lost.

Those requirements also grow stricter each year, eventually reaching 100% in 2029.

Still another rule would require that the EV itself be manufactured in North America, thereby excluding from the tax credit any vehicles made overseas.

The tax credit would be available only to couples with incomes of \$300,000 or less or single people with income of \$150,000 or less. And any trucks or SUVs with sticker prices above \$80,000 or cars above \$55,000 wouldn't be eligible.

Russia halts oil exports to several EU nations

Associated Press

Several countries in Europe dependent on Russian energy suffered another blow with confirmation Tuesday that oil shipments have stopped through a critical pipeline.

Russian state pipeline operator Transneft said it halted shipments through the southern branch of the Druzhba oil pipeline, which flows through Ukraine to the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.

Transneft cited complications due to European Union sanctions for its action Aug. 4, saying its payment to the company's Ukrainian counterpart was refused.

The northern leg of the Druzhba pipeline, which runs through Belarus to Poland and Germany, was unaffected, Transneft reported.

EU leaders agreed in May to embargo most Russian oil imports by the end of the year as part of the bloc's sanctions over Moscow's war in Ukraine.

The embargo covers Russian oil brought in by sea but allowed temporary Druzhba pipeline shipments to Hungary and certain other landlocked countries in central Europe.

Slovakia's oil pipeline network operator, Transpetrol, and the refining company Slovnaft confirmed that Druzhba shipments to the nation had stopped.

Slovakian officials said the country receives almost all its oil through the Druzhba pipeline.

Slovnaft, which is owned by Hungary's MOL energy group, said its production has not been affected.

Slovnaft spokesperson Anton Molnar said the company and MOL were discussing with Russia and Ukraine an option for MOL, or Slovnaft, to pay the transit fees.

Slovakia's economy minister, Richard Sulik, previously said his country has enough oil in its reserves for about 120 days.



Shoppers look for groceries at a store last month in Illinois. U.S. demand for grocery delivery is cooling as food prices increase. Some shoppers are shifting to less expensive grocery pickup, while others are returning to the store to buy what they want or need. **NAM Y. HUH/AP**

Grocery delivery demand falls

As food prices increase, more shoppers forced to visit stores to get what they want to eat

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

Karen Raschke, a retired attorney in New York, started getting her groceries delivered early in the pandemic. Each delivery cost \$30 in fees and tips, but it was worth it to avoid the store.

Then earlier this spring, Raschke learned her rent was increasing by \$617 per month. Delivery was one of the first things she cut from her budget. Now, the 75-year-old walks four blocks to the grocery several times a week. She only uses delivery on rare occasions, such as a recent heat wave.

"To do it every week is not sustainable," she said.

Raschke isn't alone.

U.S. demand for grocery delivery is cooling as prices for food and other necessities rise. Some shift to pickup — a less expensive alternative where shoppers pull up curbside or go into the store to collect their bagged groceries — while others say they're comfortable shopping.

Grocery delivery saw tremendous growth during the first year of the pandemic.

In August 2019 — a pre-pandemic month — Americans spent \$500 million on grocery delivery. By June 2020, it had ballooned to a \$3.4 billion business, according to Brick Meets Click, a market research company.

Companies rushed to fill that demand. DoorDash and Uber Eats began offering grocery delivery. Kroger — the nation's largest grocer — opened automated warehouses to fulfill delivery orders. Amazon opened a handful of Amazon Fresh groceries, which provide free delivery to Prime members. Hyper-fast grocery delivery companies like Jokr and Buyk expanded into U.S. cities.

But as the pandemic eased, demand softened. In June 2022, Americans spent \$2.5 billion on grocery delivery — down 26% from 2020. For comparison, they spent \$3.4 billion on grocery pickup, which saw demand drop 10.5% from its highs.

That's causing some turmoil in the industry. Buyk filed for bankruptcy in March; Jokr pulled out of the U.S. in June. Instacart — the U.S. market leader in grocery delivery — slashed its valuation by 40% to \$24 billion in March ahead of a potential IPO. Kroger said its digital sales — which include

pickup and delivery — dropped 6% in the first quarter of this year.

Some think delivery demand could drop further. Chase Design, a consulting firm, says its surveys show the number of U.S. shoppers who plan to use grocery delivery "all the time" has fallen by half since 2021.

Cost is the biggest reason. Peter Cloutier, the growth and commercial strategy lead at Chase Design, said it's difficult to get groceries to a customer's door for less than a \$10 premium, which covers labor and transportation. Often, that cost is higher.

Consider a basket of eight staples from Target, including a gallon of milk, a dozen eggs and a pound of ground beef. In store, the order would ring up at \$35.12. Target offers curbside pickup for free. Delivery costs \$9.99, not including a tip.

DoorDash also offers delivery from Target, but it charges more for each item on its website. The cart rings up at \$39.90 from DoorDash, which then adds \$12.18 in taxes and delivery fees. If the consumer adds a \$10 tip, that totals \$62.08.

The premiums are tough to swallow on top of skyrocketing food prices. In June, U.S. grocery food prices were up 12.2% over the last 12 months, the largest increase since April 1979, according to government data.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Buffett betting big on oil sector

OMAHA, Neb. — Warren Buffett's company has bought up more than \$11 billion worth of Occidental Petroleum stock this year, giving Berkshire Hathaway control of more than 20% of the oil producer.

On Tuesday, Buffett revealed his latest purchases of nearly 6.7 million Occidental shares worth more than \$400 million.

Buffett also dropped more than \$20 billion on Chevron stock in the first quarter of this year; because of surging oil prices his stake is now worth more than \$24 billion.

That means Buffett's conglomerate holds nearly \$47 billion in oil sector investments because Berkshire holds another \$10 billion worth of preferred Occidental shares that it picked up in 2019 when it helped finance Occidental's purchase of Anadarko.

Chipotle to pay \$20M settlement

NEW YORK — Chipotle Mexican Grill will pay \$20 million to current and former workers at its New York City restaurants for violating city labor laws, Mayor Eric Adams announced Tuesday.

The settlement between the city and the California-based fast-food chain covers about 13,000 employees who worked at the chain's New York City outlets between 2017 and this year. According to the investigators, Chipotle's violations of the city's Fair Workweek law included failing to post work schedules 14 days in advance, pay a premium for schedule changes and offer available shifts to current employees before hiring new employees.

The deal is the largest worker protection settlement in the city's history, officials said.

Countries seek end to Russian tourist visas

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — The leaders of Estonia and Finland want fellow European countries to stop issuing tourist visas to Russian citizens, saying they should not be able to take vacations in Europe while the government of Russia carries out a war in Ukraine.

Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas wrote Tuesday on Twitter that "visiting Europe is a privilege, not a human right" and that it is "time to end tourism from Russia now."

A day earlier, her counterpart in Finland, Sanna Marin, told Finnish broadcaster YLE that "it is not right that while Russia is waging an aggressive, brutal war of aggres-

sion in Europe, Russians can live a normal life, travel in Europe, be tourists."

Estonia and Finland both border Russia and are members of the European Union, which banned air travel from Russia after it invaded Ukraine. But Russians can still travel by land to both countries and apparently are then taking flights to other European destinations.

YLE reported last week that Russian companies have started offering car trips from St. Petersburg to the airports of Helsinki and Lappeenranta in Finland, which have direct connections to several places in Europe. Russia's second-largest city is about 180 miles from the Finnish capital.

Visas issued by Finland are valid across

most of Europe's travel zone, known as the "Schengen area" which is made up of 26 countries: 22 EU nations plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. Normally, people and goods move freely between these countries without border checks.

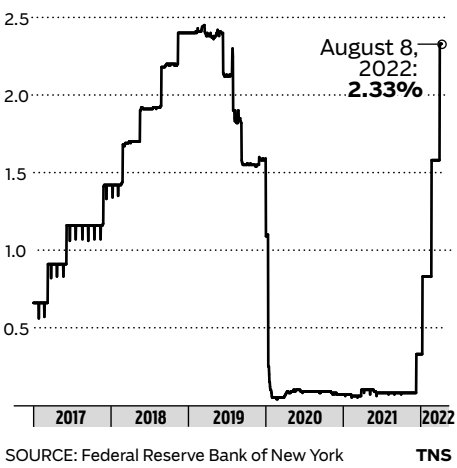
Some EU countries no longer issue visas to Russians, including Latvia, which made that move this month because of the war.

The issue of visas for Russians will be discussed at an informal meeting of EU foreign ministers on Aug. 31, YLE said.

"I would believe that in future European Council meetings, this issue will come up even more strongly. My personal position is that tourism should be restricted," Marin told the Finnish broadcaster.

Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

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A black hawk sits on a tree in Cristalino II State Park in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso. The government has given up a legal battle to protect the state park. RODRIGO VARGAS 2019

Man who destroyed parts of forest wins park’s dissolution

By Fabiano Maisonnave
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — In a move that shocked environmentalists, the government of Brazil’s third-largest state has given up a legal fight over protecting a state park in one of the Amazon’s most biodiverse areas. The upshot of that decision is that a man responsible for the deforestation of huge swaths of protected land wins with finality a lawsuit against the government. The park will cease to exist.

Antonio Jose Rossi Junqueira Vilela has been fined millions of dollars for deforestation in Brazil and for stealing thousands of acres of the Amazon rainforest. Yet it was a company linked to him that filed a lawsuit against the state of Mato Grosso, alleging it had improperly set the borders of the Cristalino II State Park.

The park stretches for 292,000 acres — larger than New York City — and lies in the transition zone between the Amazon and drier Cerrado biomes. It is home to the endemic white-fronted spider monkey, a

species endangered due to habitat loss.

In a 3-2 decision, Mato Grosso’s upper court ruled that the government’s creation of the park in 2001 was illegal because it took place without public consultation.

The state government did not appeal that decision, leaving it to become final. Now the park will be officially dissolved, the government press office said.

The loss of the park is a measure of how bad things are today for the Amazon. Not only are environmental laws going unenforced, now a court has invalidated a major protected area. Scientists say not only are ecosystems being lost, but massive deforestation is damaging the forest’s ability to absorb carbon dioxide, a crucial role it plays for the planet.

Before he challenged the validity of Cristalino II park, Vilela’s presence was already well known there. In 2005, he was fined \$27 million for destroying 27,000 acres of forest inside the protected area, according to local news reports at the time.

In 2016, the Vilela family made headlines in Brazil for being at the center of a landmark enforcement operation against deforestation in the Amazon, known as the Flying Rivers Operation, carried out by the Brazilian environment agency, Ibama, the federal police and the attorney general.

Vilela was also indicted for deforesting 74,000 acres of public forests in Para state, the equivalent of five Manhattans. Legal proceedings often stretch for many years in Brazil. If convicted in the Para case, Vilela could be sentenced to more than 200 years in prison and could be fined more than \$60 million.

Attorney Renato Maurilio Lopes, who has represented both Vilela and an affiliate company, did not respond to messages left by Associated Press.

According to researcher Mauricio Torres, a geographer from Para Federal University, Vilela’s family follows the “classic script of land grabbing in the Amazon.”

The way to steal land in Brazil is to deforest it and then claim it, he said.

‘Stray’: How a virtual orange tabby is helping real-life cats

By Thalia Beaty
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The virtual cat hero from the new video game sensation “Stray” doesn’t just wind along rusted pipes, leap over unidentified sludge and decode clues in a seemingly abandoned city. The daring orange tabby is helping real world cats as well.

Thanks to online fundraising platforms, gamers are playing “Stray” while streaming live for audiences to raise money for animal shelters and other cat-related charities. Annapurna Interactive, the game’s publisher, also promoted “Stray” by offering two cat rescue and adoption agencies copies of the game to raffle off and renting out a New York cat cafe.

Livestreaming game play for charity isn’t new, but the resonance “Stray” quickly found from cat lovers is unusual. It was the fourth-most watched and broadcast game on the day it launched on Twitch, the streaming platform said.

Viewers watch as players navigate the adventurous feline through an aging industrial landscape doing normal cat stuff — balancing on railings, walking on keyboards and knocking things off shelves — to solve puzzles and evade enemies.

About 80% of the game’s development team are “cat owners and cat lovers” and a real-life orange stray as well as their own cats helped inspire the game, one creator said.

“I certainly hope that maybe some people will be inspired to help actual strays in real life — knowing that having an animal and a companion is a responsibility,” said producer Swann Martin-Raget, of the BlueTwelve gaming studio in Montpellier, in southern France.

When Annapurna Inter-



In “Stray,” players navigate an adventurous feline through an aging industrial landscape. ANNAPURNA INTERACTIVE

active reached out to the Nebraska Humane Society to partner before the game’s launch on July 19, they jumped at the chance, marketing specialist Brendan Gepson said.

“The whole game and the whole culture around the game, it’s all about a love of cats,” Gepson said. “It meshed really well with the shelter and our mission.”

The shelter got four copies of the game to give away and solicited donations for \$5 to be entered into a raffle to win one. In a week, they raised \$7,000, Gepson said, with the vast majority of the 550 donors being new to them, including people donating from Germany and Malta. The company also donated \$1,035 to the shelter.

“It was really mutually beneficial,” Gepson said. “They got some really good PR out of it, and we got a whole new donor base out of it.”

Annapurna also bought out Meow Parlour, the New York cat cafe and adoption agency, for a weekend, as well as donating \$1,000. Visitors who made reservations could buy “Stray” themed merchandise and play the game for 20 min-

utes while surrounded by cats. (The game also captivates cats, videos on social media show.)

Jeff Legaspi, Annapurna Interactive’s marketing director, said it made sense for the game’s launch to do something “positively impactful and hopefully bring more awareness to adopting and not shopping for a new pet.”

Annapurna declined to disclose sales or download figures for the game, which is available on PlayStation and the Steam platform. However, according to Steam monitor SteamDB, “Stray” has been the No. 1 purchased game for the past two weeks.

North Shore Animal League America, which rescues tens of thousands of animals each year, said it hadn’t seen any increase in traffic from the game but they did receive more than \$800 thanks to a gamer.

In a happy coincidence, the shelter had just set up a profile on the platform Tiltify, which allows nonprofits to receive donations from video streams, the week the game launched. The player channeled donations to the shelter, smashing her initial goal of \$200.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

↓ DOW
32,774.41-58.13

↑ 10-YR T-BOND
2.78%+.03

↑ GOLD
\$1,794.00+7.20

33,120

32,440

31,760

36,000

34,000

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Close: 32,774.41

Change: -58.13 (-0.2%)

10 DAYS

Domestic Indexes			
	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,774.41	-58.13	-9.81%
DOW Trans.	14,525.67	-126.77	-11.85%
DOW Util.	1,023.41	+8.29	+4.35%
NYSE Comp.	15,264.79	-41.01	-11.07%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,493.93	-150.53	-20.14%
S&P 500	4,122.47	-17.59	-13.51%
S&P 400	2,498.12	-21.99	-12.10%
Wilshire 5000	41,195.61	-267.18	-14.99%
Russell 2000	1,912.89	-28.32	-14.81%

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	90.50	90.76	+20.33%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.83	7.59	+110.00%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.96	2.89	+32.85%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,794.00	1,786.80	-1.83%
Silver (oz)	20.46	20.59	-12.30%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange		Money Rates			
ForEx in U.S.\$	U.S.\$ in ForEx		PREV. WK.		
Britain	1.2068	.8287	Prime rate	5.50	5.50
Canada	.7756	1.2893	3-mo. T-Bill	2.63	2.53
China	.1481	6.7526	6-mo. T-Bill	3.14	2.94
Euro	1.0205	.9799	5-yr T-Note	2.97	2.66
Japan	.007398	135.18	10-yr T-Note	2.78	2.61
Mexico	.049336	20.2692	30-yr T-Bond	3.01	2.93

Global Markets				
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,534.97	-152.72	-1.12%	-14.79%
London	7,488.15	+5.78	+.08%	+1.40%
Hong Kong	20,003.44	-42.33	-.21%	-14.51%
Nikkei	27,999.96	-249.28	-.88%	-2.75%

Stocks of Local Interest									
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG		STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	22.45	-1.51	-17.5		Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	12.10	-1.43	-41.7	
AT&T Inc (T)	18.10	+1.10	-26.4		Novartis AG (NVS)	87.15	+1.21	-.4	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	95.54	-4.53	-33.6		Novavax Inc (NVAX)	40.28	-16.97	-71.8	
AeroClean Tech Inc (AERC)	7.27	+2.73	-30.6		Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	4.25	-.50	-54.7	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	137.83	-1.58	-17.3		Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	170.86	-7.07	-41.9	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	76.38	-1.20	-12.7		Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	78.86	-.42	-.94	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	164.92	+0.05	-7.1		Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.25	-.57	-49.2	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	49.78	+0.60	-.2		Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.78	+.21	-15.7	
Avaya Holdings Corp (AVYA)	.61	-.51	-96.9		Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.16	-.11	-52.3	
Bank of America (BAC)	33.92	+0.43	-23.8		Prudential FncI (PRU)	98.58	+1.28	-.89	
Barnes Group (B)	33.31	-.25	-28.5		Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	66.03	+.59	-1.0	
Bed Bath &Beynd (BBBY)	9.79	-1.62	-32.9		Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	91.94	+.74	+6.8	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1957.21	+1.41	-18.4		Reto Eco Solutions (RETO)	.92	+.19	-45.8	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	74.96	+1.16	+20.2		Rogers Corp (ROG)	266.22	-.33	-2.5	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	103.69	+1.69	+.5		Roblox Corp (RBLX)	47.35	-1.55	-54.1	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	9.47	-.54	-52.9		SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	60.57	+.12	-26.1	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	41.76	-.18	-23.0		Shopify Inc (SHOP)	36.75	-3.02	...	
Charter Commun (CHTR)	452.50	-11.55	-30.6		Snap Inc A (SNAP)	10.16	-.25	-78.4	
Cigna Corp (CI)	285.04	+3.27	+24.1		SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.39	-.59	-53.3	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	38.16	-.43	-24.2		Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	6.77	+.23	+45.3	
Disney (DIS)	108.13	-.98	-30.2		Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	91.70	-5.23	-51.4	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	115.05	+.21	-.97		Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.76	-.10	-2.6	
Effector Therapeutic (EFTR)	.65	-.25	-92.1		Tesla Inc (TSLA)	850.00	-21.27	-19.6	
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.40	-.26	-89.3		Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	3.84	-.46	-45.4	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.03	-.36	-4.8		Timber Pharmaceutic (TMBR)	.10	+.00	-72.6	
Eversource Energy (ES)	91.63	+.70	+.7		Travelers Cos (TRV)	162.92	+2.94	+4.1	
Ford Motor (F)	15.19	-.59	-26.9		T2 Biosystems (TTOO)	.12	-.01	-76.6	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.26	-.21	-18.1		United Rentals (URI)	319.89	-2.25	-3.7	
Gen Dynamics (GBD)	227.62	+1.83	+9.2		UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	537.26	+.66	+7.0	
Gen Electric (GE)	74.93	-.25	-20.7		Unity Software Inc (U)	50.35	+.59	-64.8	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	65.76	+1.16	-.48		Verona Pharma plc (VRNA)	10.03	+3.08	+49.3	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	194.09	+0.12	-.69		Vertex Energy (VTNR)	7.80	-6.18	+72.2	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	13.37	-.18	-16.0		Virtus Invest (VRTS)	204.27	-3.34	-31.2	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	20.18	-.09	-23.0		Voya Financial (VOYA)	61.01	+.51	-.80	
Intel Corp (INTC)	34.52	-.86	-30.3		Vroom Inc (VRM)	1.59	-.87	-85.3	
IronSource Ltd (IS)	4.20	-.53	-45.7		Warner Bros Disc A (WBD)	16.31	-.92	-46.9	
Kaman (KAMN)	31.94	-.03	-26.0		Webster Financial (WBS)	43.10	-.11	-17.1	
Keycorp (KEY)	18.11	-.04	-21.7		White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1261.95	+20.13	+24.5	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	46.82	+0.43	-31.4		World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	72.13	+.47	+46.2	
M&T Bank (MTB)	179.92	+.66	+17.2		XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	55.08	-2.80	-28.9	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	33.92	-.58	-24.4		Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	17.57	-.05	-22.4	
MetLife Inc (MET)	63.90	+.96	+2.3						
Micron Tech (MU)	59.15	-2.30	-36.5						
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.79	-.01	-84.9						
Nielsen Hldgs plc (NLSN)	27.52	+4.81	+34.2						

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